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Prologue

Moonstar watched was her warriors fought against the Squirrelclan warriors. Her clan's warriors fighting with pride. She saw joy in her deputy Grassblade's eyes. Grassblade fought well, her moves just how she had trained to do them, some were long swipes other short and crisp. Grassblade was fighting side by side with Poppydrop. Their moves the same every time. The two were fighting and Squirrelclan she-cat blocking the nursery. The she-cat was a white she-cat with a thick and fuzzy pelt.

Poppydrop and Grassblade both backing her into the nursery. Moonstar heard has a Squirrelclan warrior yell to her, "Why don't you fight with your warriors?!"

The cat who called out was a reddish brown she-cat with black ears and white paws. Moonstar said to her " You can't ask or tell me anything, if one more cat asks me something I'm gonna fight and you don't want me to fight."

The she-cat looked at Moonstar and said "Oh yeah! Well I want you to fight so come on down here right now!"

The cat didn't know what they were talking about so Moonstar called to her warriors " Leafclan retreat!" the Leafclan cats ran out of the camp as fast as possible.

Moonstar looked out to the crowd of hurt and dead cats only one Leafclan cat was dead. That cat was Poppydrop's brother Hopstep. Moonstar grabbed the dead warrior by the scruff and took one last glance at her former home and clanmates. A she-cat with fur the color of dawn stared at her, making Moonstar feel ashamed. No more Leafclan cats were in the camp just Squirrelclan cats and a

former Squirrelclan cat that cat was Moonstar.

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Snowmoss watched as Condorheart padded back into camp, prey in his jaws. He padded over towards his mate and kits. Oakripple took the food gratefully. Just then, Pouncestar called, "Let all cats old enough to jump the fence gather around to hear who's going to the gathering."

Snowmoss looked to the sky, she realized that it was a full moon. Pouncestar mewed, "The cats that will be joining Marigoldsky, Rabbitfrost and I are: Ravenmist, Thistledusk, Cedarspeck, Sootpaw, Antears, Stagspot, Toadpaw, Hareslip, Dovemist, Condorheart, and Oakripple."

Oakripple then stood up, "But, Pouncestar, what about the kits? Who will watch them if both Condorheart and I are going to the gathering?"

Standing up Snowmoss mewed, "The other elders and I will be willing to watch them for you Oakripple."

She dipped her head gratefully, "Thank you so much."

"With that settled let's go to the gathering." Pouncestar started towards the fence, the rest of the cats following close behind.

After they left, Snowmoss, Mistyleap, and Crowstrike padded towards where the kits were playing. Lochkit mewed, "Where did Oakripple and Condorheart go?"

Crowstrike purred, "They went to gathering with Pouncestar, but they'll be back later."

"Can we go to the gathering?!" Brindlekit mewed.

"No," Mistyleap mewed, "You get to stay here with us!"

Smokekit mewed, "Could you tell us a story?!"

"What do you wanna hear about?" Snowmoss mewed.

The kits settled down ad briefly talked to each other. They turned towards the elders and Brindlekit mewed, "About one of the old leaders of LeafClan."

Crowstrike mewed, "Which one do you want to hear about? There was Hazelstar, Birchstar, Fallowstar, and of course Moonstar."

Lochkit tilted his head, slightly confused, "Wasn't Moonstar the first leader of LeafClan?"

"Of course she was, fuzzbrain!" Mewed Smokekit.

Crowstrike gave Smokekit a amused glance and mewed, "So is it settled? You want to learn about Moonstar?"

The kits all nodded as they laid down next to each other snuggled, Snowmoss began, "This is the story of Moonstar, the founder of our great Clan..."

Chapter One: She chose who?

Pebbleclaw looked down at the fallen leader, Redstar the leader of Squirrelclan had fallen and died in battle. Since Pebbleclaw was the deputy at the time she was now supposed to be leader. She looked at Mudstripe, Squirrelclan's Medicine cat, he nodded. Moonsky knew that Mudstripe and Pebbleclaw needed to go to the Moonpool so Pebbleclaw could receive her nine lives. Moonsky also knew that Pebbleclaw would choose her as deputy. Why wouldn't Moonsky become deputy, after all she was Pebblestar's best friend.

Mudstripe said to his apprentice Cricketpaw "I'm gonna go and take Pebbleclaw to the Moonpool. Make sure you dress the wounds and treat the worse injuries first. You know the rest, now just before I go can you tell me some remedies."

Cricketpaw started telling her mentor many different herbs and what they do. Cricketpaw's mouth moved in a way that soothed Moonsky, Her eyes were large and full of wonder. Mudstripe said the the talented apprentice, "That's good, now go there are many wounds and only one cat!"

Cricketpaw yelled, "Of course silly! Don't worry Mudstripe I'll do great. In fact I'll do so good you'll have to make my medicine cat name Cricketherb, or Cricketheal, or maybe Cricketwound!"

Mudstripe just smiled and headed to the tree tunnel. He and Pebbleclaw went out tree tunnel. Before Moonsky knew it some of the minorly injured cats came and asking whether she would become deputy or not. Moonsky kept speeding out the answers. Soon every cat was treated and the clan just gathered in the clearing, waiting for Mudstripe and Pebbleclaw, soon to be Pebblestar, to come home.

All the cats saw a Gray head poke the tree tunnel and every cat

yelled "Pebblestar! Pebblestar! Pebblestar!"

Pebblestar sat down on the Fallen Oak and called the traditional words to start a clan meeting, " All cats old enough to leave the hollow gather around for a clan meeting!"

All though the clan was already there she still had to call the words used since Squirrelstar had lead this great clan. The clan stared up to Pebblestar, she nodded at Dawnstep who was Moonsky's apprentice. What was that about? Moonsky wondered. Probably nothing, after all Moonsky was the one who was gonna become deputy. Pebblestar said the clan,"As the new leader of Squirrelclan I need to appoint the new deputy. The new deputy of Squirrelclan will be.."

Pebblestar paused to give some suspense, every cat knew who she was gonna choose. Her eyes flickered everywhere, from cat to cat. She finally continued what she was going to say, "As I was saying the new deputy of Squirrelclan will be, Dawnstep!"

Dawnstep got up and ran to the foot of the Fallen Oak and said, " Thank you Pebblestar! I never thought I would become deputy and have a chance to become leader. I hope that I will make this clan proud!"

Moonsky Stood in shock Pebblestar chose Dawnstep to be her deputy! But Moonsky was her best friend!

Chapter 2: Should I Run?

WARNING: THE WAY I PORTRAY MOONSTAR/MOONSKY IN THIS STORY IS NOT HOW THE CREATOR OF MOONSTAR/MOONSKY INTENDED HER TO BE PORTRAYED. SOME OTHER CHARACTERS MAY BE PORTRAYED NOT HOW THE CREATOR INTENDED, I'M NOT SURE BUT PLEASE ENJOY ANYWAY!

The clan gathered around Dawnstep to congratulate her on becoming deputy. Moonsky stayed away from Dawnstep. She didn't like that Dawnstep stole her spot in the clan. Fernpaw came running up and said, "Why aren't you congratulating Dawnstep, I think she's the best cat ever!"

Moonsky looked at the lively apprentice and then looked at her former apprentice, who was Dawnstep. Moonsky wondered why she ever wanted to train Dawnstep, she was a backstabber. Stealing Her spot in the clan she loved so dearly, Moonsky thought she was Pebblestar's best friend, Moonsky said to Fernpaw "I want to speak to Dawnstep by myself, she was my apprentice and I want to make her feel welcome as deputy when it's just me and her, I did this when Pebblecl- Pebblestar became deputy."

Fernpaw's eyes shined with wonder and glory she then said, "All right! I love that you want to a one on one. If Hiddenpaw ever becomes deputy I want to do that! After all he is the cutest cat in the clan."

Fernpaw's gaze rested on Hiddenpaw his russet red pelt, clashing perfectly with Fernpaw's pale gray tabby fur. Fernpaw bounced over to Hiddenpaw, leaving Moonsky all alone. Pebblestar trotted up to Moonsky her eyes full sympathy. Moonsky looked away from the

cat who she thought was her friend. Pebblestar sat down next to Moonsky and said, "I'm sorry."

Moonsky looked at her eyes sharp as claws, "Sorry for what?!" she shouted.

Pebblestar looked at her paws and muttered in tears, "Sorry for not making you deputy."

Moonsky mewed plainly "If your sorry why didn't you make me deputy."

Pebblestar's head shot up and she looked her dead in the eye and said, " I didn't think you were ready, Dawnstep wanted to be a tree-climber like me not a ground-runner like you. You didn't ever ask her what she wanted you just started training her. To follow her dream she had to train herself."

Moonsky didn't like this she then said, "You think I'm not ready because of that! Well I'll show you! I am no longer a member of Squirrelclan I am now the leader of my own clan!"

Pebblestar started to say some thing but Moonsky ran away to fast. Moonsky was no longer Moonsky she was Moonstar. The leader of a clan that didn't need any other cat or clan. A clan that always got the best training and was trained claws unsheathed so cats would learn to grow up! This clan was Leafclan.

Chapter 3: The New Clan

Moonstar padded through the forest, her heart racing. She was now the leader of her own clan! She just needed cats to join, they didn't need to be friendly. They just needed to be cats that were willing to join forces with her.

Moonstar continued to walk she needed to find other cats! She was soon out of the forest where she felt comfortable and in the twolegplace, where there were kittypets, dogs, and twolegs. She had her ears forward and listening for the sound of a dog or a twoleg. If she was lucky she would find cats who would join her without questions.

She raised her ears and looked around, was that a group of cats she just heard? Her heart almost leaped out of her chest when she heard the sound of paws. She knew they were cat paws, the were light and soft. Moonstar couldn't take it anymore, she started to run to the sound of paws. Her was beating so hard she thought they would hear her.

When she neared an fenced in place she knew it was cats, she could she them! Moonstar saw seven cats and could smell at least five more! She had her clan! She reached the fence and sprang up, her landing on the fence was sloppy, she couldn't help it though.

One cat perked their head and saw Moonstar. This cat was a older, but still able to hunt, she-cat. Her fur was a lovely brown and tan tabby. Moonstar knew she was gonna be asked for a name so she decided that she should say her name was Moon, so there would be no questions. The tabby looked up and down Moonstar and the other cats looked up and nodded to her.

That cat must be the leader, Moonstar thought. The tabby padded over from where she was in the cardboard box. She opened her

mouth and said, "Hello, are you lost?"

Moonstar was a little shocked she wasn't asked for a name but she answered anyway. "No, I ran away from my home and need a place to stay, I heard cats around here so I came."

The tabby looked at her with pity, and mewed "You can stay here, but why did you ran away?"

Moonstar leaped down from the fence and landed on all four paws and said, "Thank you, I ran away because my tw- housefolk were being mean and beat me."

The tabby's eyes fulled with worry, "Alright you can stay here forever if you want. You'll need a place to stay while nursing your kits."

Moonstar's eyes widened, what kits? she wasn't expecting kits, was she? She looked at her belly it did look swollen, but not that bad. Moonstar then said, "Thank you, I would like to stay for awhile. My kits aren't due till another moon or so, but it would be nice to rest."

The tabby chuckled a little and said, "I'm Grass, these are my friends Snake, Sky, Lily, Cross, Arrow, Twister, Heart, Eagle, and the two kits Hop and Poppy."

The rest of the cats looked up as there names were said. Moonstar looked straight at the cats and said, "Thank you for letting me stay, my name is Moon by the way."

The cats waved their tails at her and she came forward and sat down next to the rest of the cats, these cats were now her clan. Leafclan now had Moonstar as leader and Grass as deputy. Leafclan was complete.

Chapter 4: Creating Leafclan

WARNING: THE WAY I PORTRAY LEAFCLAN IS NOT HOW THE CREATOR INTENDED IT TO BE PORTRAYED. ALSO THE CREATOR DID NOT WANT MOONSTAR TO EXPECT KITS I JUST DID IT FOR THE PLOT OF THE STORY. PLEASE ENJOY! I'M WORKING VERY HARD ON IT!

Moonstar settled down in the cardboard box her stomach uncomfortable with kits. Hop and Poppy came running up to Moonstar. Poppy looked up at Moonstar and said, "Are you gonna give us some playmates?"

Moonstar knew that this cat was very young and needed to be told this slowly. So Moonstar said, "Yes but they aren't here now."

Hop looked very confused and asked, "Where are they?" he started to look around, his eyes full of wonder.

Moonstar looked at her swollen belly. She looked at the livly kits and said, "They are here in my stomach."

The kits looked at Moonstar very weirdly. Their looked iterested but their faces said otherwise. Finally Poppy asked, "How are they in your belly?"

Moostar knew that the kits didn't need to know the resl story so Moonstar made up story. She said,"The kits are in my stomach because they are scared and find it warm and comfy in my stomach."

Hop said with wonder, "When will they no longer be scared?"

Moonstar said with pride, "They will come when they are ready, every cat who has cats has kits will have to deal with this. Now can I talk to the grown ups."

The kits nodded and ran away. The older cats came when Moonstar called them. The cats surrounded her. Moonstar wondered how she was gonna tell the cats about the clan she was gonna make. Then the idea hit her! Since she had said she was a runaway kittypet she wouls say she met these cats and wanted to show them kittypets are strong. She said the cats, "I need to tell you guys something."

Grass padded up and sat down, she looked at her with worry and asked, "What do you want to tell us Moon."

Moonstar looked deep into the older she-cats eyes and said, "When I ran away from my tw-housefolk, before I got here I met these cats, they said their names were Pebblestar and Dawnstep. They said some stuff about territory, Squirrelclan, and warriors. They teased me because they said that I was a fat and lazy because I lived with my housefolk."

Grass ran her tail up and down Moonstar's back and said, "Is that why you are sad."

Moonstar looked at her paws and said," No, they called me a kittypet. I want to show those mean Squirrelclan cats what I'm made of! The only way I think I can show them is by creating my own clan, called Leafclan. I need cats to join and you all have been so nice to me, so I was wondering. Would you like to join and be my warriors."

This time Snake stepped up and meowed loudly, "I would love to join you Moon."

Slowly the other cats started to nod and agree the only cat who hadn't agreed yet was Grass. She looked nervous, as if you didn't like that Moonstar was taking her place as leader. Then she said, "I will join once I get more information."

Moonstar knew what she was gonna do. She was gonna say that she was gonna find out more about clans for the cats but really she was gonna think of warrior names for the cats. Moonstar said, "All right tomorrow I'll go and get more information about the clans and hopefully know enough to start my own clan."

Grass just nodded and looked scared, she may not like it now but Moonstar knew that she would one day like it. Moonstar curled up and said to the cats, "I'm gonna rest till tomorrow."

She had her clan now, just the way she liked it.

Chapter 5: Seeing Dawnstep and Pebblestar

Moonstar left the fenced in place for the first time after she got there. She leaped over the fence and landed on the other side. Her belly still very full. She started to head to the forest, her home. As she walked from the twolegplace and to the forest she started to feel less at home from when she once roamed this place training Dawnstep, than Dawnpaw. Dawnstep had never liked to be called Dawnpaw. She liked to be called Dawn, her kittypet name.

Moonstar now stood at the border, she was almost tempted to go across and hunt. These were the best hunting grounds in the territory. Moonstar scented the overwhelming smell of winterleaf, the herb best growing in leaf-bare in Squirrelclan territory.

Moonstar put her ears up she heard a cat, who was this cat anyway? She had been go for so long she forgot so many smells and the scent of which cat it is. I the trees she saw a very familiar gray pelt. It was Pebblestar! The cat who she thought was her friend. Then appeared Dawnstep, her former apprentice and current backstabber.

The two cats seemed to be alone, then Moonstar noticed they were with Iceskip, Cedarwhisker, Berrytooth, and Twigleg. Pebblestar then said, "Lets splitup, hunting in pairs. Iceskip and Twigleg that way."-she flicked her tail towards the thunderpath- "Berrytooth and Cedarwhisker over there." -Dawnstep flicked her tail towards the cottonwood patch- "And Dawnstep and I will hunt by the border."

Dawnstep mewed, "Every cat ready"

"Ready" said the cats.

"Go!" Dawnstep yelled.

The cats headed in the direction they were told. Dawnstep and Pebblestar started running to the border. Moonstar then started to try and hide herself. Pebblestar jump up into the tree and said to Dawnstep, "You trained as a tree-climber and a ground-runner. Today you're the ground-runner."

Dawnstep looked sad and siad, "All right but next time pair me with a ground-runner! I want to climb!"

Pebblestar smiled and said, "Alright, but right noe let's find where Moonsky is hiding."

Moonstar cringed at the saying of her old name, she didn't think they would of found her. Moonstar then showed herself. Pebblestar mewed, "Moonsky, did you come back to rejoin?"

Moonstar mew loudly, "No! My name is not Moonsky, it's Moonstar."

Dawnstep said, "You have clan now! Congratulations!"

Moonstar looked at her paws. "I must go" she said.

Chapter 6: Naming kits and warriors

Moonstar hurried back to the place she had been staying, she had to leave Dawnstep and Pebblestar because her kits were on their way. She jumped onto the fence and and then down. She ran in a screamed, "My kits are coming!"

Grass, Lily, Twister, Sky, and Heart came running at the sound of Moonstar's calling. Grass got there and said, "Follow me, to the cardboard box."

Moonstar rushed there with out a question. She layed down and somecat shoved a stick n her mouth and said, "Bite down, it will help with the pain."

The rest of the birth was a blur of pain and movement. When Moonstar regained her awareness she had two little furballs curled next to her. Lily asked, "What are their names."

Moonstar looked at her kits, one was big and muscular black tom and the other was a small and skinny ginger she-cat. Moontar said, "The black one is Stormkit and the ginger one is Goldenkit."

Twister asked, "Are those clan names?"

Moonstar said, "Yes in clans you have the first part of your name that you keep, as you grow up the second part changes.As a kit the ending is 'kit', as a cat in training called an apprentice the ending is 'paw', as a warrior and ending is anything that would fit, as deputy it is the same as your warrior name, and as a leader the ending is

'star'."

Twister said, "That's cool, are there any other roles in a clan? We heard you saying something about a medicine cat. What's a medicine cat?"

Moonstar was shocked, she didn't know that she had said medicine cat. So she said, "Yes the medicine cat heals the clan, they can't ever have kits and they have names like warriors."

This time Sky said, "Why can't they have kits?"

Moonstar said, "They can't have kits because the need to love all cats equally."

Sky then said, "Ok what do they heal with?"

Moonstar then told Sky all about the herbs and remedies of herbs she had learned during her trips to Cricketleap's den. After awhile of talking Grass said, "Moon, I would like to join your clan."

Moonstar was shocked she asked, "What? Why, I'm happy you want to join but I'm wondering why?"

Grass said, "I just realized I can't let you guys live alone, besides I can become the next in line for leader."

Moonstar said, "All right, let's get you cats your warrior names and get this clan started!"

The cats started talking and stuff, then Sky came up and said, "Moon I would like to be a medicine cat."

Moonstar nodded and said, "Alright, that means instead of learning the warrior code you will learn the medicine cat code."

Sky said, "Ok, I know."

Moonstar then called, "All cats old enough to jump the fence gather in the cardboard box for a clan meeting!"

All the cats came in and they were looking confused Moonstar said,

"I Moon soon to be leader of Leafclan at Starclan's will may become leader of Leafclan and change my name to Moonstar. Also If Starclan will allow Grass will be my deputy and be known as Grassblade."

Grassblade then dipped her and Moonstar went on, "Snake will be known as Snakefang, Lily will be known as Lilyseed, Cross will be known as Crossjaw, Arrow will be known as Arrowpaw, Twister will be known as Twisterblaze, Heart will be known as Heartsong, Eagle will be known as Eaglepaw, Hop will be known as Hopkit, and Poppy will known as Poppykit.'

The clan was very exiting and Moonstar said, "Arrowpaw is an apprentice so his mentor will be Snakefang, Eaglepaw is also an apprentice and his mentor will be Lilyseed."

The mentors and apprentices were very exiting and Moonstar said, "Grassblade, how old are your kits?"

Grassblade said, "They are four months old."

Moonstar nodded and thought, *two more moons till they are apprentices.* Moonstar the saw that Sky was staring right at her. Moonstar said, "Sky wished to become a medicine cat so if Starclan will allow Sky will be Leafclan's medicine cat and she will be known as Skywing. She will go to one of the clans everyday to learn the names of herbs and make remedies to heal the best clan of all Leafclan!"

All of Leafclan cheered and was yelling, "Leafclan! Leafclan! Leafclan!"

Moonstar had a clan with warrior names, all she needed was her nine lives, a full medicine cat and some territory. Leafclan was almost a real clan.

Chapter 7: Dawnstep at the Moonpool

After Moonstar had named the kits and her new warriors had fallen asleep. She looked up at the sky, the moon was half-full. *Wait the moon's half-full,* Moonstar thought. Moonstar got up, her kits whined a little but she calmed them down.

She padded over to Skywing, who was sleeping. She prodded her in the side and said, "Wake up, we need to go to the Moonpool."

Skywing was a little dozy at first but she snapped back. She looked at Moonstar's kits and said, "Who will watch them?"

Moonstar padded over to Grassblade and prodded her. When Grassbalde woke Moonstar said, "Could you watch my kits, Skywing and I need to go to the Moonpool."

Grassblade nodded and picked up her kits so she could take care of her kits while taking care of Moonstar's kits. Grassblade curled in Moonstar's nest and got back to sleep. Moonstar and Skywing padded up to the edge of the lake.

Skywing commented, "I smell cats, Moonstar do you know the cats scented here?"

Moonstar sniffed the air and growled, "Squirrelcaln."

Skywing looked shocked and said, "Why don't you like Squirrelclan?"

Moonstar snapped, "Just go ahead I'll catch up, and, don't trust any cat. Talk to others as little as possible. Got it?!"

"Y-yes M-moonstar-r!" Skywing stammered.

Skywing ran ahead, out of Moonstar's sight. She got up and started to head to where her medicine cat went. When she caught up to Skywing she heard her telling the other medicine cats, "Well Moonstar just created it."

She must be talking about Leafclan, Moonstar thought. Moonstar stepped forward and meowed, "Yeah, I only just did."

A dawn colored cat turned around to stare at her, it was Dawnstep! *What's she doing here*, Moonstar thought. Dawnstep yowled, "What are you doing Here?!"

Moonstar mewed plainly, "What? I can't accompany my medicine cat to her first day at the moonpool? You seem to be accompanying Cricketpaw."

Skywing looked very embarrassed, like she needed to run away from this whole thing. Dawnstep started to walk to Skywing but Moonstar jumped in front to protect her medicine cat. Skywing pushed Moonstar out of the way and walked up to Dawnstep. "You must be Dawnstep." she mewed politely.

Moonstar let out a growl, she didn't like that HER medicine cat was being friendly with her mortal enemy. Dawnstep shot a glance at Moonstar, although nothing could change what Moonstar thought or did.

Dawnstep then grunted, "I'm sorry about Moonstar, she must be a pain to deal with."

Moonstar was about to leap on Dawnstep when Skywing toke a sudden offence to what Dawnstep had said. *So my medicine cat does listen,* Moonstar thought. "S-sorry if that offended you." Dawnstep stammered.

The silver medicine cat looked a little happier, then she raised her front left paw and slashed Dawnstep's muzzle. The dawn colored she-cat stumbled a bit, and Skywing meoed, "Now you are forgiven."

Then Littlecloud, the Shadowclan medicine cat said, "Enough! We'll be late if we continue bickering."

The cats started to move, but Moonstar ran up to the head and made sure Skywing was following. Dawnstep said something to Cricketpaw and then the two she-cats started running after the Leafclan cats.

The Squirrelclan cats soon passed Moonstar and Skywing. Moonstar let out a snarl and started running faster, but she triped and hit her nose on the ground. Soon the other medicine cats past her and Skywing.

Moonstar got up and said to Skywing, "Let's walk with the other medicine cats and get to the moonpool."

Skywing nodded, the two gray she-cats ran up the other medicine cats. Skywing got close to Moonstar and whispered, "Why don't you like Dawnstep?"

Moonstar growled, "I was never a kittypet, I used to be a Squirrelclan cat myself. The leader of Squirrelclan, Pebblestar. She was my friend, every cat thought I would become deputy. Then Pebblestar choose Dawnstep, my former apprentice. Now I hate Squirrelclan."

Skywing nodded, Moonstar thought that her and her medicine cat could become great friends. Then they arrived at the moonpool. Moonstar ran ahead and pushed past Dawnstep, she layed down by the pool. Skywing soon followed.

Moonstar said to Skywing, "You need to drink some of the water then we'll share dreams with Starclan, our warrior ancestors."

Chapter 8: Nine Lives

Next thing Moonstar knew she was in Starclan, standing next to her was Skywing. In front of them stood a black she-cat with white paws. Skywing looked at the she-cat and finally said, "Mittens?"

The she-cat sweetly said, "Hello my lovely daughter, how are you Sky? I mean Skywing."

Moonsky turned to the medicine cat, "Is this your mother?"

Skywing nodded and asked, "Mittens, what are you doing here?"

"I'm here to see you and give Moonstar her first life." Mittens said kindly.

Moonstar looked at the she-cat and said, "Let's get started then."

Mittens nodded, she stepped back. At that moment a heavy spasm hit Moonstar. It was very painful, worst then when she gave birth. Skywing looked at her mother and said, "What's happening to her?"

Mittens said calmly, "Her old life is being stripped away."

Then Moonstar could see a ghostly image of her running away, after that it stopped and Moonstar got up off the ground. Mittens walked up to Moonstar and said, "With this life I give you friendship, use it to become known as a good leader."

As she said that she placed her muzzle on Moonstar's head, and a wave when thorough her. Mittens stepped away and a big muscular tabby tom came up and said, "I'm Tuna, and with this life I give you, love. Use it to love your clan and keep them safe."

At that moment Tuna rested his head on Moonstar's head, and a another wave when thorough her, this time stronger. Tuna stepped

away and a small silver she-cat she-cat padded up. She mewed, "I'm Feather, with this life I give you Hope, use it to always see the bright side of dark times."

As Feather touched Moonstar's head a soft wave rippled under her pelt. Feather trotted away and up came a tiny, probabily a kit, gray and white tom. He meowed loudly, "I'm Wind, and with this life I give you wisdom, use it to guide your clan with Starclan's wisdom."

Moonstar bent down to let the tiny tom touch her head, a soothing wave went through her. Wind bounced away, up came an old gray tom, he looked frail. But the tom seemed to carry on with pride and joy. "I'm Dusty, with this life I give you humor, use it to remember that sometimes to cheer up all you need is a good chuckle." the tom croaked.

Dusty slowly walked up to Moonstar and touched her on the head, again a wave went through her. Th old tom walked away and soon sprinted up a lovely looking she-cat, she was a sandy-brown color. The she-cat mewed, "I'm Coyote, with this life I give you Healing use it to kept your clan as strong as it can be."

The familiar wave went through her as Coyote touched her muzzle to Moonstar's head. Coyote galloped away and a brown tom briskly trotted up. The tom said, "I'm Hawk, and with this life I give you understanding,use to understand what your clanmates are going through."

Yet again the wave passed through her, she was very used to it by now. Hawk walked away carefully, and a pure white she-cat gracefully walked forward, she looked to be an apprentice. She said, "I'm Snowflurry, with this life I give you courage, use it to be brave and take chances, even if your clan doesn't belief in you."

Snowflurry gently touched her muzzle on Moonstar's head, the wave was strong, but yet gentle. Snowflurry turned away her white fur glowing, a brown tom with cream stripes that looked like nettles came forward. He said, "I'm Quill, with this life I give you power, use to keep Leafclan at it's full potential."

Quill touched his muzzle on Moonstar's head, a very strong, and

powerful wave went through her. Quill walked away, and a cream colored she-cat stepped forward, she said to Moonstar, "I'm Crystal, and with this life I give you curosity, use to keep you and and your clan interested in the ways of Starclan." She touched her muzzle on Moonstar's head then a flash happed, the wave went through her.

All the cats who had given her a life stood in font of her, a bloody dawn-colored cat lay in front of them. and Crystal said, "Dawn will end, only if the Moon rises."

Moonstar opened her eyes and she was at the Moonpool again, her heart pounded. Skywing was next to her. The medicine cat looked at Moonstar and asked, "What just happened?"

"I don't know." Moonstar replied gently.

Chapter 9: "Making a Strong Clan"

Moonstar padded into the medicine den, it had been 2 moons sense Moonstar received her nine lives. Later that day Moonstar will be giving Hopkit and Poppykit their apprentice names. Skywing was sorting through the herbs, she had been learning alot from the other medicine cats.

Moonstar said calmly, "I had the dream again, I still can't figure it out!"

Skywing turned and asked, "What happened at the end this time?"

"I was being choked by something." she confessed.

"How many times have you this dream?' she asked worriedly.

Moonstar muttered, "This is the 6th time."

"Could Starclan be trying to tell us something. Because I had the dream about the mysterious cat again." the silver tabby fretted.

Moonstar mewed gently "We'll figure it out Skywing, I know we will."

"I believe you." she said before going back to her herbs. Moonstar left medicine den her pelt brushing against the rocks that made up the medicine den. Once she got to the clearing Grassblade said to her, "I want you, Twisterblaze, and Crossjaw to hunt in the back alley before the apprentice ceremony."

Moonstar nodded and Twisterheart and Crossjaw came forward.

The cats started out to the back alley. Once they arrived the cats split up, Moonstar scented a mouse. She started tracking it until she found it and it practically run into her paws.

Crossjaw mewed, "Great catch Moonstar!"

After that Twisterheart caught two voles, Moonstar caught two more mice, and Crossjaw caught a bluejay. As the cats started to leave a group of four cats showed up and the led one yowled, "This is our alley!"

"This is Leafclan territory, you Fleabag!" Twisterheart spat.

"I'm so scared! Two puny she-cats and a scrawny looking tom are going to bet us up!" He joked.

Crossjaw growled, "Who ya calling scrawny, you mousebrain."

A golden tabby stepped forward and meowed, "Back off Flutter, that gray she-cat right there is Moonsky!"

Twisterheart fell down laughing at the big strong tom's name, the tortoiseshell she-cat was laughing so much she started to cough. Moonstar and Crossjaw helped her up, Moonstar looked at the golden tabby and asked, "How do you know my name?"

The tom mewed, "A while back we met each other, I really liked you and you liked me so you ran away from your home. After two days you said that you missed home. You went back and I never saw you again until now."

This cat must be Stormkit and Goldenkit's father! She thought. She remembered the tom's name, Fire. Moonstar asked, "Who are the other two?"

Fire said calmly, "The dark ginger is my sister, Flare. And the brown cat with white legs is Flutter's mate, Jewel."

Moonstar nodded, "Instead of fighting over this alley, how about you guys join my clan, Leafclan."

Fire mewed, "One second."

He and his friends got in a huddle and started to talk. She couldn't hear what they were saying but, she could tell it was good news for her. Twisterheart and Crossjaw looked at each other lovingly. She knew that pretty soon there would be a new litter of kits!

Fire turned to Moonstar and mewed, "We'll join Leaflcan, on one condition."

Moonstar blurted out, "Yes! I'll do it!"

Fire said, "That you become my mate."

Moonstar walked up to him and nuzzled his cheek, "Your kits are waiting at the camp."

Fire purred, and they started to walk. Once they got to fence, Moonstar, Twisterblaze, and Crossjaw leaped over with ease. Jewel asked, "How can we got over that!"

Moonstar looked at Crossjaw, he nodded. Moonstar leaped over the fence, again. Once she was on the other side she mewed, "It's easy, once you get the hang of it."

Moonstar got into the leaping position, all apprentices have to learn about it. She mewed, "This is the leaping position. Now you try."

The cats got into some form of a leaping position. Moonstar mewed, "Close enough. Now push off with your back legs, and stretch your front legs as far out as you can."

Moonstar did it and leaped over the fence, she landed on all four paws. "And don't forget to land on your paws!"

The cats started to try, Flare got it on her first try. Fire toke two or three tries until he got it. Jewel got it in four, and Flutter got it after six or seven tries. Once all the cats were over Grassblade trotted up to Moonstar and asked, "Who are these cats?"

"They want to join Leafclan." Moonstar stated.

Grassblade nodded, "They can get their warrior names before the apprentice ceremony."

Moonstar leaped on top of the tallest cardboard box, which was her den. She called, "Let all cats old enough to jump the fence gather around for a clan meeting!"

The clan gathered around, Moonstar meowed, "Before Hopkit and Poppykit get their apprentice names, Twisterheart, Crossjaw, and I found some cats who would like to join Leafclan. Fire step forward!"

The tom stepped up to the box, Moonstar called, "Fire, if you promise to hunt, fight, and risk your life for Leafclan say 'I will'"

"I will!" he mewed.

Moonstar said, "Then from now on you shall be known as Fireclaw!"

The clan cheered, "Fireclaw! Fireclaw!"

Moonstar went on, "Flare do you promise to hunt, fight, and risk your life for Leafclan?"

The she-cat yowled, "Of course I do!"

Moonstar smiled, "From now on you shall be know as Flarestorm."

"Flarestorm! Flarestorm!"

Moonstar continued, "Jewel do you promise to hunt, fight, and risk your life for Leafclan?"

She mewed, "Yes."

Moonstar nodded, "From now on you shall be known as Jewelfur."

"Jewelfur! Jewelfur!"

Moonstar asked, "Flutter do you wish to keep the first part Flutter or not?"

The gray tom mewed, "Please change it, but keep it related to Flutter."

Moonstar nodded, "Flutter do you promsie to hunt, fight, and risk your life for Leafclan?"

He muttered, "I guess."

Moonstar laughed, "From now on you shall be known as Pigeonflight."

Pigeonflight mouthed a thank you. Moonstar called, "Poppykit, step forward."

The she-kit bounced up to the cardboard box, "Poppykit, do you promise to uphold the warrior code, and serve Leafclan even at the cost of your life."

"Yes!" the she-kit yowled.

Moonstar conitnued, "From now until you earn your warrior name you shall be known as Poppypaw, your mentor will be Crossjaw"

Crossjaw and Poppypaw touched noses. Moonstar mewed, "Hopkit, do you promise to up hold the warrior code and protect Leaflcan, even at the cost of you life."

The young tom mewed, "Yes! Of course!"

Moonstar smiled and mewed, "From now on until you earn your warrior name you shall be known as Hoppaw, your mentor will be Flarestorm."

Flarestorm and Hoppaw touched noses, the clan cheered, "Poppypaw, Hoppaw! Poppypaw, Hoppaw!"

Chapter 10: "Gathering"

SORRY FOR NOT POSTING IN TEN BILLION YEARS. I'VE JUST BEEN TO LAZY, I MEAN BUSY! BTW THIS STORY TAKES PLACE WHEN JEWELFUR AND PIGEONFLIGHT'S KITS ARE A MOON AND A HALF OLD!!!!!! ALSO SORRY FOR THE LONG CHAPTER! IT'S 1243 WORDS LONG!

Moonstar licked Fireclaw's head as she exited their den, she leaped gracefully onto the top of the box. Calling to to her clan, "All cats able to jump the fence please come forward for an announcement!"

All of Leafclan came forward and seemed nervous and excited, once they were all settled Moonstar continued, "To might is the gathering, every cat will come."

Grassblade gave her a curt nod and then started walking towards the fence, Moonstar quickly stopped Lilyseed and nodded to where Goldenkit and Stormkit slept. She mewed, "Are you sure?"

Moonstar looked at her kits longingly, "I'm sure, they need someone to watch them. Sense you're the only expecting she-cat. I could have Jewelfur watch them but she's got her paws full with her four."

The dark grey tabby she-cat nodded and curled herself around the two kits, who were ready to be apprentices any day now. *They grew up way too fast*, she thought as she leaped the fence. Taking lead of her cats she guided them to Shadowclan territory, there she saw

Blackstar and his cats. The mostly white tom asked, "How's Leafclan, Moonstar?"

Moonstar continued walking, Blackstar matching her pace, "It's great, Jewelfur had four healthy kits."

He replied, "That's great! I expect to hear more at the gathering?"

Stopping she smiled and turned to him, "You bet, Blackstar!"

She started running her clan trailing behind, Fireclaw come up and asked, "Why were you so friendly to that Blackstar cat?"

She nuzzled his cheek and mewed lovingly, "He's the leader of Shadowclan, If I wasn't friendly to him it would have been a problem for Leafclan. And the only clan I ever what to have a problem with is Squirrelclan."

"Why just Squirrelcaln?" the ginger tom wondered.

Moonstar shook her pelt remembering the day when Pebblestar had made Dawnstep deputy, instead of Moonstar. "No reason." she stopped on. Thinking about the meeting she had with Blackstar while he was out hunting with his clan, the two leaders made an agreement to try not to attack the other clan without reason.

He opened his mouth when she put her mouth over it, she heard something. I jingle, a she-cat padded up to them a kittypet collar around her neck. Her body was covered in scratches, giving her red fur a an even more red look. She had a darker face with worried green eyes. She approached Moonstar and asked, "Are you one of those wild cat groups I've heard about?"

Moonstar nodded, "Yes, I'm Moonstar leader of Leafclan, are you interested in joining us?"

Her eyes widened, "Would I?! Of course I would, I lived with a twoleg, that is what you call them right? Anyway, and that didn't go to well then then I lived with another one for awhile. And then they got another cat, who did this to me and yadda yadda, now I'm here."

Moonstar blinked, and shook her head, "So that's a yes?"

She ran up and rubbed her face against Moonstar's shoulder, "It is!"

Moonstar took a step back, and nodded towards her collar. "You might not want that."

She winced, "Ok, then."

The she-cat stretched it out and then cut it on a nearby sharp rock, the bright green collar ripping. It lay on the ground and she looked up, "Is that all to join you."

Moonstar thought for a moment and then she remember the warrior ceremony, she'd have to make it quick in order to make it to the gathering on time. "There's one more thing, a ceremony."

The kittypet suddenly brightened up, "Ok, I'll do it!"

Smiling Moonstar mewed, "What's you name young cat?"

She gave a weak smile, "Fox,"

"Fox do you promise to uphold the warrior code and protect Leafclan with you life?"

Fox mewed boldly, "I do."

"Then from now on you shall be known as Foxholly."

The clan cheered, "Foxholly! Foxholly!"

Moonstar smiled and continued walking, "Come on, we're going to the gathering."

Her clan followed and when they got the gathering Moonstar climbed up the tree, making sure to purposefully kick Dawnstep. She saw Grassblade settle by the other deputies, and the clan settled in. She gave them a glare, making sure that they knew only to cheer for Leafclan. Moonstar watched Skywing as she padded to the other medicine cats.

She started chatting with Mothwing and Willowshine, she seemed to enjoy talking and Moonstar overheard her asking, "How's Blackclaw's shoulder wound? Are the herbs I recommended working?"

Willowshine replied happily, "It's getting much better, and what was that herb called winterleaf?"

Smiling Skywing mewed, "Wintergreen, I can give you more if needed we have a big patch not far from the camp."

Mothwing rested her tail on the young silver tabby she-cat's shoulders and said, "Thank you so much Skywing! I heard Lilyseed is expecting, do you want some chervil? We have plenty."

Moonstar couldn't hear Skywing's reply before she started the meeting, "Let the gathering begin!"

She heard Dawnstep mutter something, but ignored it. "Hello every clan cat, now you may be asking, why am I starting this gathering? I bet none of you know who I am, I'm the new leader of Leaflan."

She heard Dawnstep say, "The only one."

Lucky for Moonstar, Pebblestar gave Dawnstep a glare. Satisfied with that she went on, "We will except any cat willing to join. We will become strong!"

Then she heard her clan calling out loudly, "Leafclan! Leafclan!"

Firestar looked at her and said in a cold tone, "Well . . . nice to meet you, Moonstar."

He then addressed the cats sitting facing the leaders, "Thunderclan has been doing well, we have a rich amount of prey in our forest. Plus five cats have become warriors."

The clans cheered for Firestar and his clan, except for Leafclan. *I've teached them well,* Moonstar thought darkly. Pebblestar shared about Squirrelclan and the clans saddened as she shared the death of Nutwhisker. Leopardstar gave a brief talk about Riverclan, and Blackstar shared about the recent loss of a battle against

Squirrelclan. Frowning that they didn't succeed Moonstar shifted her weight.

The clans talked for a little bit before Onestar said, "That's interesting, I'm surprised that Thunderclan didn't jump and help them. "

Firestar looked at Onestar and his fur bristled. Pebblestar quickly said, clearly offended. "We didn't need help anyway!"

"Tell that to Firestar." Onestar retorted until continuing. "Our prey had run well and our warriors are fit."

Grassblade turned to Dawnstep, then she snapped back. Grassblade looked away annoyed. Moonstar leaped of the tree. She could hear Pebblestar following and she said, "Moonstar wait-"

Until Moonstar hissed and beckoned for her cats to join. Skywing passed by Dawnstep, stepping on her paw and apologizing. She caught up to Moonstar with ease and she asked, "Is anything wrong?"

Moonstar turned to the medicine cat and hissed, "Nothing's wrong!"

The medicine cat stepped back, her mouth gaping in surprise. Moonstar stopped and gently said, "Sorry, I'm just tired and miss the kits, I guess."

Nodding Skywing mewed, "I understand, I'd miss the smell of my herbs if I ever was away from them for to long."

Once over the tree-bridge Moonstar smiled back, "You know you're my best friend."

Purring Skywing said, "And you're mine."

Chapter 11: "Apprentices and Warriors"

A gentle breeze drifted through the Leafclan camp, Moonstar and Fireclaw were licking their kits' fur. Fireclaw was cleaning Goldenkit, his tongue moving in a careful rhythm. Stormkit wriggled and whined, "Why do I have to look nice! I understand why other kits have to, because they want to impress the leader. But my mother is the leader!"

Fireclaw purred, "You want to look good for your mother don't you? Moonstar worked very hard raising the two of you, the least you could do is be good warriors for Leafclan."

Goldenkit suddenly ran towards Moonstar's fur burying her face in Moonstar's fur. Stopping grooming Stormkit she asked the young she-cat, "What's wrong?"

Letting out a wail she mewed, "What if I don't want to be warrior?!"

Fireclaw took a step forward, comforting his daughter. "What to you want to be? You can't be a kit forever."

She calmed herself down, looking across the camp she mewed quietly, "I want to be Skywing's apprentice."

Moonstar purred, "Is that all?! Goldenkit, if Skywing wants you as an apprentice you can be her apprentice. Why didn't you tell me sooner?"

She jumped up with excitement, "Really?! I just thought that you wouldn't be proud of me Moonstar."

"Not proud? Skywing is my best friend, without her I'd go crazy!

And she could definetly use your help around there, seeing as I'm always coming to her with my problems." Moonstar said to her daughter who was practically acting like she was appointed leader.

Goldenkit raced to Skywing, she mewed loudly, "Moonstar said I can become your apprentice if you want me to be!"

Skywing smiled at Moonstar and jokingly said, "Hmmm, let me think." she briefly paused, "Of course I want you as my apprentice, but the ceremony is today. You should told me sooner so that I had time to tell the other medicine cats and get some guidance from them."

Lowering her head Goldenkit mewed, "I'm sorry Skywing."

Giggling and looking at Moonstar Skywing mewed, "Don't be sorry Goldenkit! I'm just a little stressed right now, but you'll be a lot of help!"

Purring Goldenkit puffed out her chest fur and walked to Moonstar. Smiling Moonstar asked, "How'd it go?"

"I'm gonna be a medicine cat!" Goldenkit shouted out.

Purring Moonstar leaped onto the cardboard box, "Let all cats big enough to jump the fence gather around for a clan meeting!"

The clan assembled around the cardboard box, Moonstar continued. "So today my two kits, Stormkit and Goldenki, will become apprentices!"

The clan cheered and Goldenkit and Stormkit came out from the cardboard box that was the little family's den. Moonstar smiled and mewed, "Stormkit, please come forward."

The little black tom ran forward and straightened up, Moonstar let a giggle slip out and continued, "Stormkit, do you promise to be a loyal apprentice to Leafclan and learn how to be a strong warrior."

Out of the corner of her eye she saw Goldenkit flinch at the mention of becoming a warrior, but she ignored it and heard Stormkit shout out, "Yes I do!"

"Then by the strength Starclan me, from now on until you earn your warrior name you shall be known as Stormpaw, your mentor shall be Foxholly." Moonstar meowed boldly.

Foxholly and Stormpaw touched noses, and then sat down next to each other in the crowd of cats. Moonstar called, "Goldenkit step forward."

Goldenkit slowly walked towards Moonstar, "Goldenkit you have informed me that you want to follow the path a medicine cat, do you promise to learn the medicine cat code and help Leafclan with knowledge about herbs?"

"Yes" Goldenkit said calmly.

Moonstar motioned Skywing forward, and Skywing said. "I may be young, but I don't have enough paws to keep up with all that goes on in the clan. I promise to train Goldenkit and help her to understand the ways of a medicine cat."

Slightly sad with the thought of her kits growing up, Moonstar mewed, "Goldenkit from this moment on util you earn your medicine cat name you shall be known as Goldenpaw."

The clan cheered, "Goldenpaw! Stormpaw! Goldenpaw! Stormpaw!"

Smiling Moonstar mewed, "And it is now time for two of our apprentices to become warriors. Arrowpaw, Eaglepaw step forward."

The two young toms stepped froward and stood beneath the cardboard box. "Arrowpaw, you have trained hard and have earned yourself a place with your fellow warriors. Do you promise to uphold the warrior code and protect Leafclan even at the cost of your life?"

The tom paused for a moment before studdering, "Y-yes"

"Arrowpaw, from now on you shall be known as Arrowheart in honor of your kind and loyal heart." Moonstar mewed with a slight edge in her voice.

Arrowheart joined his fellow warriors and Eaglepaw was left, "Eaglepaw, you trained hard and have earned yourself your warrior name. Do you promise to protect and defend Leafclan even at the cost of your life?"

Eaglepaw mewed with complete certainty, "I do!"

Admiring his courage Moonstar said, "From now on you shall be known as Eagle-eye for your sharp and useful sight."

The clan cheered, "Arrowheart! Eagle-eye! Arrowheart! Eagle-eye!"

Leaping down from the cardboard box Moonstar was satisfied with her loyal and helpful clan.

LEAFCLAN

ALL OF LEAFCLAN SO FAR!!!!!! EXPECT MORE CATS TO COME IN HE UPCOMING CHAPTERS!!!!

Leader: Moonstar- grey she-cat with lighter strands of fur and green eyes

Deputy: Grassblade- brown-grey she-cat with blue eyes

Medicine Cat: Skywing- silver tabby she-cat with hazel eyes

Medicine Cat Apprentice: Goldenpaw- ginger tabby she-cat with amber eyes

Warriors:

Snakefang- brown tom with yellow eyes

Crossjaw- brown tabby tom with nasty scar on chin and green eyes (apprentice: Poppypaw)

Arrowheart- black tom with white arrow-shaped marking on chest and yellow eyes (apprentice: Bumblepaw)

Twisterheart- tortoiseshell she-cat with amber eyes

Heartsong- light cloudy grey she-cat with blue eyes

Eagleeye- brown and white tom with green eyes

Fireclaw- golden tabby tom with electric green eyes (apprentice: Kestrelpaw)

Flarestorm- dark ginger she-cat with yellow eyes (apprentice: Hoppaw)

Pigeonflight- grey tom with yellow eyes

Foxholly- reddish she-cat with darker points at the face, paws, and tail with hazel-green eyes (apprentice: Stormpaw)

Specklenose- light brown spotted tabby she-cat with amber eyes

Reedwhisker- light brown tom with reddish brown tail and paws and green eyes

Rippletail- silver she-cat with black stripes on tail and blue eyes

Apprentices:

Poppypaw- chestnut brown she-cat with green eyes

Bumblepaw- black and white she-cat with yellow eyes

Kestrelpaw- brown tabby tom with yellow eyes

Hoppaw- yellow tabby tom with amber eyes

Stormpaw- black tom with icy blue eyes

Queens:

Jewelfur- brown she-cat with white legs and yellow (nursing Pigeonflight's kits)

Lilyseed- white she-cat with black ears and black paws and green eyes (nursing Reedwhisker's kits)

Kits:

Slushkit- very pale grey she-kit with yellow (Jewelfur's kit)

Sparrowkit- light brown tabby tom with amber eyes (Jewelfur's kit)

Snowkit- white tom with green eyes (Jewelfur's kit)

Juniperkit- grey and white she-kit with blue eyes(Jewelfur's kit)

Sandkit- light ginger tom with amber eyes (Lilyseed's kit)

Ivykit- tortoiseshell and white she-kit with hazel eyes (Lilyseed's kit)

Elders:

Ink- smoky black she-cat with one green eye and a blind blue eye

Chapter 13: "Another Gathering"

Moonstar paced back and forth by the fence, she was waiting for the cats she had called to come to the gathering to come. She was currently with Skywing, Grassblade, Goldenpaw and Fireclaw. She was waiting for Kestrelpaw, Specklenose, Reedwhisker, Rippletail, Ink, Bumblepaw, Arrowheart, Stormpaw, and Foxholly.

Kestrelpaw and Ink had joined the clan right after the ceremony she had Goldenpaw, Stormpaw, Arrowheart, and Eagleeye. Kestrelpaw was looking for where he had come from and Moonstar had lied that he was a lost kit of hers, and he begged for his friend Ink to join, even through she was an elder. But Moonstar agreed and Ink was a kind and friendly she-cat and would even let Pigeonflight and Jewelfur's kits climb on her.

Specklenose was found wondering around one of the alleys Leafclan hunted in and had asked to join so she could be protected, protected from what? No cat knows yet. Reedwhisker and Rippletail are brother and sister, they were loners who were looking for somewhere to stay and had stayed in Leafclan before joining.

Not long after Reedwhisker had joined Lilysplash had announced that he was the father of the kits she was expecting, even through he hadn't been there long. But Moonstar suspects that he and Rippletail wanted to join so Reedwhisker can be with his kits, Sandkit and Ivykit.

Finally Bumblepaw had been attacked by a dog and was found bleeding, she's healing quickly and is a very wild apprentice. Once the cats had arrived by the fence the cats started to leap over the fence, and started moving off to the gathering.

Leafclan crossed the tree bridge over to the island that he gathering is held on, Moonstar's clan went in their own directions to talk to the other clans. Every clan but Squirrelclan, *perfect*, Moonstar

thought to herself.

She climbed up the tree and sat down at the top, the other leaders were there as well. Blackstar turned to Moonstar and asked, "How are things in Leafclan?"

"Things are just fine, we have gotten a few new cats since the last gathering." Moonstar mewed dryly. "How's Shadowclan?"

Blackstar purred, "Just fine, thank you for asking Moonstar."

Nodding Moonstar felt the tree move as Pebblestar finally joined Firestar, Onestar, Leopardstar, Blackstar, and Moonstar. Leopardstar called for the gathering to start, and turned to Moonstar. Expecting for Moonstar to speak, but Moonstar just nodded her head for Leopardstar to go first.

Leopardstar mewed, "The river and lake has been full of fish and we are all well fed, some of our warriors encountered a dog but drove the dog off."

Moonstar saw three Riverclan warriors puff up their chest fur proudly, and then Pebblestar spoke, and shared Squirrelclan's news. After the other leaders had shared their news. Moonstar spoke, "Hello cats of the clans! Leafclan is doing well, and still looking for cats to join us. Recently we have gotten three new warriors, Specklenose, Rippletail, and Reedwhisker. Two new apprentices, Bumblepaw and Kestrelpaw. And finally our first elder, Ink. Any cats interested in joining our Clan?"

In the back of the assembled cats Moonstar saw a skinny white she-cat stand up, she had matted fur. "I'm interested, Moonstar!"

Moonstar pricked up her ears, "And who might you be?" She asked.

The she-cat smiled, "I'm Cloud. A rogue, but I'm not unfriendly!"

Purring Moonstar mewed, "You can join Leafclan, Cloud!"

Cloud trotted up to the Leafclan cats, and sat down next to Heartsong and Snakefang. *She'll get along great in Leafclan*, Moonstar thought.

Chapter 14: "Starlit Dreams"

Flinching Moonstar opened her eyes, one second ago she was sleeping in her den with Fireclaw. Blinking she noticed that she was in Starclan, *am I dead?* Looking around some more Moonstar noticed Skywing and Goldenpaw, her two medicine cats. Blinking she asked, "Skywing, Goldenpaw do you know why we're here?"

Goldenpaw hung her head low as she gently shook her head no, Skywing purred as she saw something behind Moonstar, "I know why we're here!" the silver tabby mewed excitedly.

She glanced behind her self, then Moonstar saw an assembly of starlit cats, the dead ancestors of the pre-Leafclan. Dipping her head gratefully Moonstar mewed, "Greetings, how may Skywing, Goldenpaw, and I assist you?"

Purring Crystal padded forward, "We have noticed how much of a clan Leafclan has become, we only think it is fitting if we have clan names like our living clanmates."

Straightening herself up Moonstar asked, "You want me, a living cat, to give warrior names to Starclan cats?!"

Mittens joined Crystal and nodded, "We really do Moonstar, it would be our honor if you were to give us clan names."

Taking a deep breath Moonstar mewed, "Ok um, Crystal step forward."

The cream she-cat stepped towards Moonstar, "Do you promise to, uh, give your strength and guidance to Leafclan?"

She nodded and Moonstar went on, "Then from now on you shall be known as Crystalfur, Leafclan and I honor your kindness and generosity."

Crystalfur stepped aside as Mittens padded forward, 'Do you

promise to give Leafclan strength and help when we are in need?"

"Yes" Mittens mewed sweetly.

"From now on you shall be known as Whitefoot, Leafclan honors your calm and thoughtful personality." Moonstar said.

Next Wind stepped forward, "Do you promise to give your strength and guidance to Leafclan?"

Wind nodded, Moonstar smiled, "You shall be known as Windkit. Leafclan honors your bright and cheerful mindset."

Snowflurry stepped towards Moonstar, "Do you promise to help Leafclan with your guidance and strength?"

Snowflurry purred, "Yeah, I do!"

Moonstar giggled, "You shall be known as Blizzardpaw. Leafclan honors your niceness and sympathy."

Tuna padded forward his broad shoulders rippling, "Do you promise to give Leafclan your guidance?"

He nodded calmly, "From now on you shall be known as Tunatail. Leafclan and I honor your helpfulness and open mind" Moonstar mewed.

Tunatail trotted back to the assembled cats, then Quill padded forward, "Do you promise to give Leafclan strength and guidance to help us in times of need?"

Quill mewed, "Yes."

Nodding Moonstar mewed, "You shall now be known as Quillfur. We honor your gentle yet feirce personality."

The tom padded away and Dusty slowly walked forward. His old bones slowing him down, Moonstar walked a few steps forward to help the old tom. "Do you promise to give Leafclan your guidance and strength?"

Dusty mewed, "Of course I do Moonstar!"

Letting a giggle slip out she mewed, "You shall now be known as Dustheart. Leafclan honors your wisdom and gentle nature."

Slowly padding away Dustheart mewed, "Thank you Moonstar!"

Blinking proudly Moonstar turned to Coyote, "Do you promise to give Leafclan your strength and guidance?"

Coyote smiled with a nod, Moonstar then said, "From now on you shall be known as Coyotefur. Leafclan honors your open mind and playfulness."

With a *mrrow* of laughter Coyotefur turned and joined her clanmates. The fimiliar silver she-cat Feather queitly and respectivly slunk forward, Moonstar gazed at the small she-cat. "Do you promise to give Leafclan your strength and guidance."

Feather quietly nodded not making eye contact, creeping slightly closer to Feather Moonstar said, "From now on you shall be known as Feathermist. Leafclan honors your quiet and peaceful personality."

Feathmist smiled and gave Moonstar a grateful glance. Moonstar purred looking for more cats she had to name. She noticed four more cats, three toms and a she-cat. *Oh great,* Moonstar thought, *four more names to come up with!*

After Moonstar had given names to Fly, Mouse, Rain, and Fish. They became Flynose, Mouseclaw, Rainspots, and Fishtail. She turned to Skywing and Goldenpaw, and flopped down. Moonstar let out a small purr, "Being leader is a lot harder than it looks!"

Goldenpaw smiled at her mother, "Oh Moonstar, do you ever not complain!"

Shooting a playful glance at her daughter Moonstar mewed, "Only when I'm naming cats or yelling at cats!"

Within seconds Moonstar woke up in her nest next to Fireclaw, she thought to herself. *Maybe it will be nice to have another litter of kits,*

but after I train an apprentice. Laying her head back down Moonstar slipped into a gooddream about training an apprentice.

Chapter 15: "Apprentices, am I Right?"

The wind blew across the side alley as Moonstar, Heartsong, Eagleeye, and Rippletail were taking their apprentices out to explore the territory. The four of them had been chosen to mentor one Jewelfur and Pigeonflight's kits. Moonstar was mentoring Juniperpaw, Heartsong was mentoring Slushpaw, Eagleeye was mentoring Snowpaw, and Rippletail was mentoring Sparrowpaw.

Moonstar sat down and so did the other mentors, as their apprentices stood in front of them. Rippletail asked the apprentices, "Do you know where we are?"

The apprentices huddled together, whispering. Snowpaw turned, his green eyes shining, "Is this the training alley?"

Frowning Heartsong mewed, "No Snowpaw, this is the side alley. We occasionally hunt here, although this is mostly where Skywing and Goldenpaw store their herbs."

Snowpaw looked sad, but his mentor Eagleeye reassured him that it was okay to get it wrong. Moving along the group showed up at the SquirrelClan border, Moonstar addressed the apprentices, "Do you know where we are now?"

"Is this the SquirrelClan border?" Replied Sparrowpaw.

Smiling Moonstar mewed, "Yes it is, and why do we not like SquirrelClan?"

After a moments pause Slushpaw answered, "Didn't they make fun of you, Moonstar?"

"Yes, you guys clearing payed attention to Jewelfur's stories." Purred Eagleeye.

Juniperpaw smiled and stared wonderously up at her mentor. "I'm so glad that Moonstar's my mentor, she's the best leader LeafClan's ever had!"

"And the only leader." Snowpaw teased.

Giving her brother a frustrated stare Juniperpaw mewed, "So?! That just makes her extra special!"

With a flick of her tail Heartsong said, "Come on, let's get moving."

Letting out a *mrrow* of laughter, Eagleeye purred, "Apprentices, am I right?"

Giggling Moonstar started to walk, "Come on, I don't think Heartsong and Rippletail can handle them on their own."

Chapter 16: "Without Being Heard"

Letting out a hiss, Moonstar led her Clan towards the SquirrelClan border. Moonstar had just been feeling a little annoyed lately and need to suppress her anger, and what better way then attacking SquirrrelClan? It may seem a bit extreme but SquirrelClan totally deserved it! For what? Moonstar didn't know yet.

Grassblade badded up behind her and mewed, "Now why are we attacking SquirrelClan again?"

Hissing in annoyance Moonstar growled, "I don't know! They just- they just- they just got on my nerves ok?!"

Crouching back slightly Grassblade whispered, "I'm sorry Moonstar."

Shrugging Moonstar growled, she didn't know why Grassblade always had question what Moonstar did and said. It seemed like every cat questioned he, including Juniperpaw! Her apprentice! At least Skywing understood, and Fireclaw. They always understood her, even if the rest of LeafClan didn't! It made her feel like even more of an outcast then she already was. She knew that LeafClan would never stop being her Clan, mostly because they're all to afraid to stand up for themselves. Moonstar tried to be a good leader like Firestar, Onestar, Leopardstar, Blackstar, and even Pebblestar! But it just wasn't in her nature, she could be leader or be good, but being both was too difficult for Moonstar.

Sighing she continued trudging to the SquirrelClan camp, Moonstar hoped that a good battle against SquirrelClan would change her ever so changing mood. Opening her mouth she scented a SquirrelClan patrol, she couldn't tell who was on it but it was SquirrelClan for sure.

Glancing around she knew where she was, that also meant that she knew the best way to sneak into the camp without being seen by

any pitiful SquirrelClan cats. Taking a second to think Moonstar decided that they would sneak in through the trees, that way LeafClan would remain unnoticed.

Curiously Juniperpaw asked her mentor, "What's the plan Moonstar? I wanna rip some SquirrelClan pelts off!"

Purring at her apprentice's excitement Moonstar mewed mysteriously, "You'll see Juniperpaw, you'll see."

And with that Moonstar set off with LeafClan at her tail, while walking Moonstar pondered, *I wonder if we could leap to and from the trees seeing as we leap over the fence protecting our camp everyday.* Smiling Monstar nodded, it was the perfect plan! Moonstar started to slowly trot as she was heading towards the side of the SquirrelClan camp. She thought about the battle that would take place, surely StarClan would be in their favor?

Nodding Moonstar let her thoughts take over, *StarClan understands without StarClan LeafClan wouldn't exist and StarClan must be proud!* Moonstar's eyes widened, *what if StarClan isn't in LeafClan's favor?* Shaking her head to clear her thoughts Moonstar continued to trudge on.

Taking a turn Moonstar started to run at full speed just a little further was were the trees that Moonstar needed to sneak into the camp. Glancing back she saw LeafClan running to best of their ability, facing forward she scented the area. Maple, Pine, and Oak Moonstar missed the scent of the forest but the scent she so dearly missed wasn't enough to get her to come crawling back to SquirrelClan. Skidding to a halt Moonstar froze, there it was. The wall of the SquirrelClan camp.

With a flick of her tail she motioned the cats forward, and leaped into the nearest tree. She was soon followed by Grassblade, Juniperpaw, Foxholly, Cloud, and before long all of LeafClan were in the trees. Motioning to jump out of the trees every cat leaped into the clearing. All the SquirrelClan cats stared at them in disbelief, Moonstar swallowed back a purr. "Guess who's back?' Moonstar hissed menacingly "And ready to fight!"

Chapter 17: "Blood Worth A Thousand Cats"

Suddenly Pebblestar marched into the clearing of cats and faced Moonstar, "What do what Moonstar? We haven't done anything wrong, why are you attacking us?"

Purring Moonstar mewed, "Why I'm attacking? I don't know." She then caught Stonepaw's worried gaze, *ah-ha!* "What do I want? You'll see!"

Dawnstep clearly noticed what Moonstar had her eyes locked on, the she-cat's dawn colored fur bristled. "Whatever you're thinking, stop it now!"

"Like I'd do what you say, Dawnstep. Or should I say Dawntraitor?!" Moonstar's eyes flashed with hatred, she then saw Stonepaw shivering with fear. She knew if she could even remotely hurt Stonepaw, Pebblestar would be ready to fight.

The other SquirrelClan mousebrains finally got a hint at what was happening and started to circle in on Moonstar. Their fur raised, backs arched, and claws unsheathed. Moonstar turned her gaze to Grassblade who was standing next to her, tipping her head towards the SquirrelClan cats. Grassblade nodded and got into a similar position as the SquirrelClan cats, soon the rest of the cats followed and started circling in on them, until just Moonstar and Pebblestar were left in the middle of the chaos. Her eyes brimming with worry, fear, and tears "Please, Moonstar! I don't want to do this." Pebblestar pleaded.

"Oh!" Moonstar widened her eyes, "But I do!" Slamming into Pebblestar to knock her out of the way.

Stonepaw was right in front of her, his small body curled up in fear.

Amongst all the hissing and growling that surrounded her, Moonstar heard a faint whisper "Please don't hurt me, I.. I...." his voice trailed off as the young tom saw his mother stagger over to him to protect her only kit.

Moonstar felt a pain stab through her heart, she wanted to fight SquirrelClan to make herself feel better, but she didn't want to hurt this innocent apprentice to fight. Her head swirled with memories of Stormpaw and Goldenpaw of when they were young, Stormpaw's almost a warrior now and Goldenpaw is such a great medicine cat. Moonstar remembers when they were kits, along with their apprentice ceremony.

Looking down at the grey tom she bent down, she saw him tense up *poor thing, all scared for his life. All over a silly battle I wanted to start.* Instead of biting the apprentice like her original plan she licked his head once. His blood was worth a thousand cats to Pebblestar, and she didn't what to spill any of it. Not because she cared about Pebblestar, Stonepaw, or SquirrelClan because to Pebblestar this cat, was her everything.

Without even thinking twice she picked him up by the scruff, and carried him into Pebblestar's den and laid him in her nest. She whispered in his ear, "stay here because I don't what to hurt you."

He lifted up his head and nodded, then uncurled and sat up straight. Moonstar left the den and entered the clearing and evey cat was in shock. "I didn't do it because I felt bad for him or you. I did it because he's your Stormpaw and Goldenpaw."
Pebblestar blinked gratefully and Moonstar flicked her tail to signal her Clan.

Turning to Pebblestar Moonstar mewed, "We better get going before I get accused of caring about SquirrelClan. And believe me when I say, I won't ever attack you without a reason again. We'll escort our selves to save you the trouble of following us."

Leaving the camp Moonstar purred, the part about never attacking them without a reason was a lie, but the rest was pretty much the truth. Grassblade trotted up and mewed, "I'm glad we didn't actually attack them!"

"Same here," Moonstar lied "Same here."

Hey! I hoped you enjoyed that chapter! I'll try and post more often seeing as I can now write from my school IPad during ACE time if I don't have homework, goodbye and stay awesome!!!

Chapter 18: "Lilac"

WARNING! THIS CHAPTER DEALS WITH SEXUALITY! IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY, I ADVISE YOU STOP READING AFTER THIS MESSAGE, YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED! THE CHARACTERS THAT THIS CHAPTER DEALS WITH WILL APPEAR IN LATER CHAPTERS, BUT NOT AS MAJOR CHARACTERS IN MOST CHAPTERS. IF THEY WILL APPEAR AS MAJOR CHARACTERS, YOU WILL BE WARNED LIKE THIS!

Happy reading! ~zebra-pony12

It was two moons since Moonstar decided not to attack SquirrelClan, her Clan had been well fed so far throughout Leaf-bare. Stormpaw had been named a warrior, Stormnose, three sunrises after the almost battle. Goldenpaw had earned her medicine cat name not too long ago, Goldenpetal in honor of bright yellow flowers that she loved so much. Even through Goldenpetal is now a full medicine cat, she seems to always not be in camp. Skywing claimed that she doesn't know where Goldenpetal sneaks off to, and Goldenpetal avoids the question when asked.

Moonstar missed the old days, when her kits dearly depended on her for food, water, and protection. Stormnose seems to be very interested in Cloud, who is probably just over two seasons older than him. *I'm glad Stormnose wants Cloud as his mate,* Moonstar thought, *she's the type of cat he needs. One who's kind, caring, and has a good sense of humor, but also is very protective over those she cares for. Which definitely includes Stormnose, maybe in a year he'll have kits of his own!*

That thought made her feel quite weird, and old. She felt old

enough seeing as she is a mother, and is probably at least a moon or two younger than most of the warriors. But her kits having kits?! Moonstar didn't want to think about that now. *I wonder if Goldenpetal likes any cat? I know she's a medicine cat, but surely she must at least be tempted to fall for some lucky tom!?*

Just then Goldenpetal walked into camp, her fur smelling of milk. *She can't be expecting kits can she?* But even Moonstar didn't know about Stormnose and Goldenpetal until Grassblade had pointed it out, but who's the father? Startled out of Moonstar's thoughts, Fireclaw laid down next to her in the leader's den. Moonstar purred at her mate and asked him, "Don't you miss the days when Stormnose and Goldenpetal were just kits? Ah, I miss it so much!"

"Of course I do, Moonstar! But they're full grown now, and before we know it Stormnose and Cloud will have kits of their own! And maybe in the near future we could have another litter of kits, and this time I'll be there for the first two moons." Fireclaw mewed.

Purring Moonstar leaned against Fireclaw, the two laid down drifting into a sleep. Moonstar opened her eyes, she was dreaming. In this dream she was watching three kits, with Cloud next to her, who was heavy with kits. Cloud mewed, "Gleamkit, Gorsekit, and Swallowkit have grown so much! I can't wait until Stormnose and I's kits are born, Skywing and Goldenpetal saw there's three! Have you and Fireclaw decided if you'll have a second litter?"

"Why yes," Moonstar replied, "We plan to have our second litter after leaf-bare, hopefully in late new-leaf to early green-leaf"

A copper-colored tabby she-cat with light ginger paws called to the kits, "Come in the den! It's getting too cold!"

The kits scampered to the den, "I call sleeping closest to Goldenpetal!" Called the brown tabby tom-kit with white legs. *Goldenpetal? As in my kit, are these her kits? If their her kits, who's the copper tabby she-cat?*

"Then I call sleeping closest to Lilacbreeze!" The light grey and white she-kit mewed.

The last kit, a ginger-orange tabby tom-kit let out an excited squeal, "I call sleeping in between them!"

Before Moonstar could process her dream, Goldenpetal woke her and Fireclaw mewing, "Come quick! I'll explain on the way!'

Fireclaw and Moonstar followed their daughter, Goldenpetal explained about a friend of hers who is giving birth to kits and also wants to join LeafClan. They arrived to find the copper tabby from Moonstar's dream struggling to give birth, "Goldenpetal set your paws here,"Moonstar gestured towards the she-cat's flank, "Fireclaw, grab a stick to place between her jaws." He placed the stick between her jaws, and sat back, not wanting to interfere.

Moonstar turned to the she-cat and mewed, "When I say 'push' push, and hopefully we can get these kits out of here."

She nodded and pushed every time Moonstar said "Push", after what felt like forever the three kits from Moonstar's dream were born. She looked at the copper she-cat, "What are their names?"

"I'm assuming Goldenpetal told you I want to join LeafClan, to be wi-" she was cut off my Goldenpetal.

"I told Moonstar and Fireclaw that you wanted to join LeafClan, but I didn't tell them that part." She mewed sheepishly, "I'm sorry Lilac, I just couldn't tell them! I was embarrassed."

"Embarrassed about what?" Fireclaw asked.

"About telling you that I love Lilac," she confessed, "And not as a friend, Lilac is my mate. And these kits are her mean and abusive former 'mate's', and then we met and she and I fell in love."

Moonstar turned to Fireclaw and they bother nodded, licking their kit on her head Moonstar mewed, "Lilac and your kits can join, on one condition."

Goldenpetal looked scared, Moonstar purred, "You promise to not be ashamed of loving Lilac and the kits, and Lilac gets her warrior name. Okay, that's two but do you two agree?"

They nodded and looked at each other lovingly, Moonstar didn't care if Goldenpetal was a medicine cat and couldn't technically have a mate. Goldenpetal and Lilac loved each other, and they had three beautiful kits to care for. Lilac mewed, "The ginger-orange tabby tom-kit is Swallowkit, as in the bird."

Moonstar nodded while Fireclaw stared lovingly at the three kits, Goldenpetal looked at the light grey and white she-kit and said, "I want to name the she-kit Gleamkit, in honor of when I first saw you Lilac. Your pelt gleamed like the sun, and one day some cat will see her pelt gleaming like the moon."

Feeling her heart swell with joy Moonstar purred, and leaned her head against Fireclaw. Lilac rested her gaze on Moonstar and mewed, "Thank you, Moonstar. You and your mate Fireclaw can name the last kit."

"His name should be Gorsekit!" Moonstar purred, "Don't you like it, Fireclaw?"

Nodding Fireclaw gave his new grandson's head a lick, "If you like it, Moonstar, then I like it."

"And Lilac, one thing," Moonstar had almost forgot about Lilac's warrior name, "From this day forward you will be known as Lilacbreeze, and Fireclaw, Goldenpetal, and I welcome you and your in as full members of LeafClan!"

Lilacbreeze purred, "Thank you so much, Moonstar!"

Moonstar purred as well, today was a great day, and a very special one as well! *I guess LeafClan needs more dens in the camp! Oh well, all that matters is that we have food and each other. For now Grassblade, Flarestorm, Specklenose, Ink, and Rippletail can get moved to new dens.* Smiling Moonstar mewed, "Each of us three will carry a kit back to camp, and Lilacbreeze can you walk?"

With a sparkle of strength in her eye Lilacbreeze nodded, Goldenpetal grabbed Gleamkit, Fireclaw grabbed Swallowkit, and finally Moonstar grabbed Gorsekit. The four cats sett off towards the camp, and Moonstar could tell that she was going to like

Lilacbreeze.

Updated: LeafClan Cats (with new cats!)

Leader: Moonstar- grey she-cat with lighter strands of fur and green eyes (apprentice: Juniperpaw)

Deputy: Grassblade- brown-grey tabby she-cat with blue eyes

Medicine Cats:

Skywing- silver tabby she-cat with hazel eyes

Goldenpetal- ginger tabby she-cat with amber eyes

Warriors:

Snakefang- brown tom with yellow eyes

Crossjaw- brown tabby tom with nasty scar in chin and green eyes

Poppydrop- chestnut brown she-cat with green eyes

Arrowheart- black tom with white arrow shaped marking on chest and yellow eyes (apprentice: Stripepaw)

Bumblefoot- black and white she-cat with yellow eyes

Twisterheart- tortoiseshell she-cat with amber eyes

Heartsong- light cloudy grey she-cat with blue eyes (apprentice: Slushpaw)

Eagleeye- brown and white tom with green eyes (apprentice: Snowpaw)

Fireclaw- golden tabby tom with electric green eyes

Kestrelscreech- brown tabby tom with yellow eyes

Flarestorm- dark ginger she-cat with yellow eyes

Hopstep- yellow tabby tom with amber eyes

Pigeonflight- grey tom with yellow eyes

Foxholly- reddish she-cat with darker points on face, legs, and tail with hazel-green eyes

Stormnose- black tom with icy blue eyes

Specklenose- light brown spotted tabby with amber eyes

Reedwhisker- light brown tom with reddish brown tail and paws with green eyes

Rippletail- silver she-cat with black stripes on tail and blue eyes (apprentice: Sparrowpaw)

Newtscale- tan/cream she-cat with amber eyes

Hawktalon- chestnut brown/ginger tom with yellow eyes

Shadespots- white tom with black spots and blue eyes

Appleblossom- light cream she-cat with amber eyes

Apprentices:

Slushpaw- very pale grey she-cat with yellow eyes

Juniperpaw- grey and white she-cat with blue eyes

Sparrowpaw- light brown tabby tom with amber eyes

Snowpaw- white tom with green eyes

Stripepaw- grey tabby tom with blue/grey eyes

Queens:

Lilacbreeze- copper colored tabby she-cat with ginger paws and blue eyes (Mate: Goldenpetal)

Cloud- skinny white she-cat with amber/yellow eyes (Mate: Stormnose)

Kits:

Gleamkit- light grey and white she-kit with blue/green eyes

Gorsekit- brown tabby tom-kit with white legs and green eyes

Swallowkit- ginger-orange tabby tom-kit with amber eyes

Elders:

Ink- smoky black she-cat with one green eye and one blind blue eye

Fritz- dusty grey tom with green eyes

Chapter 19: "The Future"

Looking around as Moonstar and Juniperpaw left camp, Moonstar's thoughts were busy. Within the last few moons more cats joined LeafClan, the dream about Gorsekit, Gleamkit, and Swallowkit happened about 2 weeks ago. Cloud was extremely close to kitting, and new-leaf was also close. In the next few sun-rises Juniperpaw and her littermates will have their warrior assessment. Moonstar was just taking Juniperpaw out to speak with her in private. Moonstar had recently decided that before one's warrior assessment the apprentice must speak one-on-one with their mentor about their hopes and plans for their future, so their mentor can help guide them over those few remaining sun-rises of their apprenticeship.

Wanting to speak in a extremely private place Moonstar was going into the twolegplace, it was risky but Moonstar knew a place where she and Juniperpaw could speak. Upon arriving at the twolegplace Moonstar flicked her tail for Juniperpaw to follow, they went through a hole in a wooden fence and appeared in a huge field, "This is where I met Fireclaw," Moonstar mewed, "It was a long time ago, before I even created LeafClan."

"Wow!" Juniperpaw's eyes widened as she scanned the field.

Settling down Moonstar turned to Juniperpaw, "So? Do you have any hopes, or plans for your life as a warrior of LeafClan?"

"I want to be leader!" Juniperpaw mewed excitedly, "I know every cat in every Clan hopes to be leader, but you're my mentor and you're leader! If you could be leader, then couldn't I be leader some day?"

Purring Moonstar mewed, "We'll see, Juniperpaw. In the meantime, are you excited for your warrior ceremony? The day afterwards is the gathering so you don't have to wait forever to attend your first gathering as a warrior."

The apprentice shifted nervously, "I'm excited, but also really nervous! What If I don't pass?"

"Believe me, you'll pass! You're a great apprentice, Juniperpaw, and you will make an even greater warrior!" Moonstar mewed encouragingly.

"Thanks Moonstar!" Juniperpaw purred.

Getting up Moonstar mewed, "Come on. Let's get back to camp!"

Her eyes shining with excitement Juniperpaw mewed, "Last one to camp gets last pick of prey!"

Feeling energized Moonstar started to run as fast as she could, sure she wasn't as young as Juniperpaw but she was still fast and lean. The two raced throughout practically all of LeafClan's territory and for most of it Moonstar was in the lead. Just before the fence around the camp Juniperpaw pulled ahead of Moonstar and leaped over the fence, Moonstar just tail-lengths behind. Out of breath Moonstar panted, "Good race, go ahead and grab some prey it's almost night."

Juniperpaw nodded and trotted up to the fresh-kill pile, Fireclaw noticed Moonstar and padded up to his mate. "You look out of breath and tired, get some prey."

Starting regain her strength Moonstar shook her head no, "I lost the race and the bet, which means I get last pick of prey."

Blinking lovingly, "You'll forever be an apprentice at heart, won't you be?" Fireclaw mewed.

"I can be mature, like a leader should be!" Moonstar protested.

Smiling Fireclaw said, "Goldenpetal is more mature then you, Moonstar! But there's nothing wrong with being an apprentice at heart, it means you understand how the younger cats in the Clan feel."

Calming down Moonstar purred, "Alright, if you say so! But I will still wait until every other cat gets prey before I eat."

"Fine, but promise me you'll share your prey with me!" Fireclaw purred.

"Sure thing!" Moonstar mewed as she licked his ear.

Chapter 20: "Sharp Clover"

Juniperpaw and her littermates had recently became warriors, and the gathering was two sunrises ago. Moonstar thought, *I do kind of miss being Juniperpa- I mean Juniperberry's mentor.* Juniperberry seemed to enjoy being a warrior so did Slushsplash, Snowspring, and Sparrowswoop. But now wasn't the time to dwell on the past, Moonstar needed to focus on the present.

Gleamkit, Gorsekit, and Swallowkit were all growing up so fast, and before long they will be apprentices. Cloud has also given birth to kits, two healthy kits a tom-kit and a she-kit. Rushkit and Fallowkit both love Stormnose and never leave him alone, which Lilacbreeze, Cloud, and Moonstar find very amusing, Stormnose not so much.

Standing up Moonstar decided to go for a walk, to stretch her legs. As she was about to leap over the fence Moonstar heard Gleamkit call, "Where are you going, Moonstar?"

Turning her gaze towards the kit she mewed, "Oh, I'm just going for a walk."

"Can I come?" Squeaked Gleamkit.

Taking a moment to think about it, Moonstar replied, "You can come, if and only if *both* Goldenpetal *and* Lilacbreeze say it's okay."

The kit took off towards the medicine den where Goldenpetal was treating Specklenose's scratch. Sitting down Moonstar looked around the camp, *LeafClan is growing, more than I thought when I ran away from SquirrelClan.*

Disrupting her thoughts Gleamkit was running towards Moonstar mewing, "They said yes! I can come with you."

After the two cats had left the camp, they walked around the territory and Moonstar even took some time to explain what each

place was known for. As they were just leaving the far alley Moonstar heard cats speaking. A she-cat mewed, "Do you really know where you're going?"

A tom replied, "I know their camp must be some where around here, besides don't you trust me?"

"No, not really." the she-cat retorted.

The two cats finally came into view and Moonstar recognized the tom, it was Sharpwhisker! But who was the she-cat? Stammering Sharpwhisker asked, "A-are you Moo-oonstar?"

"Yes I am, and who are you exactly?" Moonstar asked sternly.

Sharpwhisker opened his mouth to reply but the she-cat cut him off, "I'm Clover and this is Sharpwhisker. We were hoping to join LeafClan."

Out of the corner of her eye Moonstar saw Gleamkit shift nervously. "Now why should I let you join LeafClan?" Moonstar asked slyly.

"Is this kit yours?" Clover asked, dodging Moonstar's question.

"No," Moonstar replied "This is Gleamkit, she's my daughter Goldenpetal's kit."

Pricking up his ears Sharpwhisker suddenly seemed intreged, "Wouldn't it be sad if you and you mate were driven out of you Clan for no reason what so ever, and your kits were left in the Clan and you couldn't get them back?"

Flicking her ear Moonstar tried to continue the story, "I'm listening."

This time Clover responded, "Well, that happened to us. And we're hoping we could join LeafClan, and try to fight for our kits back."

"Who are these cats Moonstar?" Gleamkit whimpered.

Clover looked at Gleamkit with tears brimming her eyes, she was probably remembering the kits of hers that were left with SquirrelClan. Looking them dead in the eye Moonstar mewed, "You

can join LeafClan. If you promise to respect me as your leader, and respect every cat in LeafClan."

Giving each other a slightly confused look, Sharpwhisker and Clover nodded. Moonstar turned around and mewed, "Come on, time to meet your new Clanmates."

Chapter 21: "The Prophecy"

As Moonstar drifted into sleep, she appeared in StarClan. The former pre-LeafClan leader, Crystalfur, standing in front of her. *Oh great,* Moonstar thought, *last time this happened I had to give warrior names to dead cats! I do not want to do that again!*

As if she read Moonstar's thoughts Crystalfur mewed, "Don't worry, you're not going to give warrior names to more StarClan cats. You might again soon, seeing as more of the cats who were a part of our group are joining StarClan. This time I have a message for you."

Blinking in shock Moonstar echoed, "A message?"

"Yes, a message," she responded, "Look for the one you stands out from the rest, for they know more than you think."

Crystalfur vanished from Moonstar's sight, and a vaguely familiar image appeared in front of Moonstar. The same bloody dawn-colored cat lay in front of her that Moonstar had seen after her nine lives ceremony. Although Moonstar couldn't see Crystalfur, her voice came through with a familiar prophecy, "Dawn will end, only if the Moon rises."

A bright flash of light awoke Moonstar, Fireclaw was still asleep. Standing in front of her was Gleamkit, who mewed, "Are you okay Moonstar? I heard you thrashing in you sleep and got worried."

The one who stands out from the rest, Crystalfur's message echoed in Moonstar's head. Giving the kit a lick on her head Moonstar answered, "Yes, I'm fine. Thank you for your concern."

"Good, I'll go back to the den now that I know your okay." Gleamkit mewed as she left Moonstar's den.

Laying back down Moonstar purred, *Gleamkit is the one who stands out from the rest. She seems so mature for her age, she's probably more*

mature than me. Closing her eyes Moonstar went back to sleep, her brain buzzing with thoughts. Gleamkit was the cat Crystalfur was talking about, Moonstar had no doubt about it.

Hey! Sorry about the short chapter, I didn't really have any plans for this chapter other than the prophecy so it ended up being kinda short! Anyway, I'll hopefully be getting many more chapters out soon which is good because I was really slow with getting chapters out at one point. Anyway, keep a lookout for chapter 22 hopefully coming soon!

Chapter 22: "Gleampaw and a Fox"

Gleampaw bounced with joy as she and Moonstar headed out into LeafClan's territory. Deciding that Gleampaw needed Moonstar as her mentor, she wound up having another apprentice. Sure Moonstar had wanted to take it easy for a few moons, and possibly raise another litter of kits, but Gleampaw needed Moonstar as her mentor. StarClan sent Moonstar that message for a reason, and Moonstar was determined to find out why Gleamkit knew more than a cat her age would. Jolting Moonstar out of her thoughts Gleampaw mewed, "I feel like I've seen this place before."

Looking around Moonstar figured out that they were standing near the SquirrelClan border. *She's never been out of camp before...* Moonstar pondered. "Are you sure you recognize this place? Maybe it was a dream you had, or you have vivid images from the stories Fireclaw, Lilacbreeze, Goldenpetal, and I have told you."

"Yeah, that's probably it." Gleampaw mewed, though she seemed unsure.

Trying to focus on her training Moonstar mewed, "Pretty soon you'll be attacking SquirrelClan with the rest of your Clanmates."

Clearly more excited now Gleampaw got in a battle-like position, "Yeah! I'll kill a SquirrelClan cat!"

"Not yet, but soon!" Moonstar purred.

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After giving Gleampaw a tour of the territory Moonstar was exhausted. They were on their way back to camp when they heard a noise. Turning towards where the sound came from Gleampaw

mewed, "Gorsepaw and Swallowpaw! I know that's you!"

Hearing a growl a large red, white, and black creature creeped forward. It was a fox! "Unless something weird happened while we were touring the territory, I don't think that's Gorsepaw and Swallowpaw."

"Could we try to fight it?" Gleampaw asked, her eyes brimming with worry and fear.

"We could try..." Moonstar mewed uncertainly.

Leaping forward Moonstar slashed at the fox's face, while Gleampaw leaped on its back. Between swipes a Moonstar could see that Gleampaw was doing a great job fighting, despite not having any battle training. Momentarily forgetting what she was doing, Moonstar missed the fox and landed on the ground. With all of her voice Moonstar yelled to Gleampaw, "RUN!"

Gleampaw took off running towards the camp, and Moonstar couldn't see what happened after that. The fox stood over her and Moonstar felt a peirce through her neck. Then everything went black.

Chapter 23: "The Awakening"

Opening her eyes Moonstar realized she was in the LeafClan camp, *how did I get here,* Moonstar drowsily. Goldenpetal entered the den and seemed releaved, "Oh good! You're up, I was worried that StarClan had taken you. That fox bite was pretty gross and smelled sour, then it just seemed to disappear."

"They did," Moonstar croaked, "But I have eight more lives. Any physical injuries disappear after the loss of a life."

Nodding Goldenpetal mewed, "Of course, I'll go tell the Clan that you're safe. Gleampaw was really worried."

Moonstar felt a surge of affection for her apprentice, Gleampaw had so much spirit that was hidden under focus. Although she still couldn't figure out why Gleampaw had said that the SquirrelClan territory was familiar. Moonstar's thoughts started to wander, *I wonder how SquirrelClan's doing, I haven't seen much of them since the almost battle. Maybe Gleampaw and I could go spy on them just to get an idea of how their doing so we can attack them, for real this time.*

Gleampaw cane running into the den and mewing, "After you told me to run I camp here to warn the Clan, and when they got there they said you were dead! But Skywing told them to put you in your den and that you'll be fine, and they didn't believe Skywing. Although I did, seeing as you are a leader and you have eight lives left."

"How did you know that leaders have nine lives? I don't remember any cat telling you." Moonstar questioned.

" I don't know how I knew that..." Gleampaw trailed off, "I seem to know or remember things that I don't really know how I knew or remembered it."

Moonstar's pondered, "Interesting, how about soon we go spy on SquirrelClan in a few sunrises. Seeing as you seemed to remember their territory when we were there."

Gleampaw nodded and sat down next to Moonstar, licking the leader between her ears. Moonstar calmed down and started to purr, she was reminded of when she was kit. *I wonder how Gleampaw knew this would calm me...* Moonstar's thoughts trailed off.

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Moonstar and Gleampaw were sneaking up into the trees, they were at the SquirrelClan camp and wanted to see what they were up to. Looking down Moonstar saw Dawnstep on the Fallen Oak, *shouldn't Pebblestar be there instead of Dawnstep?*

Trying to listen to their conversation Moonstar heard some cat say, "But, Dawnstar...." the rest of their sentence was cut off by Dawnstar. *Pebblestar's dead, and Dawnstep is now Dawnstar?!* Moonstar couldn't believe it, how did Pebblestar die anyway?

Gleampaw interrupted Moonstar's thoughts, "Where is Redstar? Shouldn't he be sitting on the Fallen Oak?"

Moonstar was shocked, "Who told you about Redstar, and the Fallen Oak?"

"No cat told me, I remembered it. Somehow I remembered it." Gleampaw mewed.

"You remembered it?" Moonstar questioned.

Nodding Gleampaw mewed, "Yeah, I seem to remember a lot of things. Although I don't know how, it's like I used to live in SquirrelClan or something."

Then it hit Moonstar. The reason Gleampaw knew more than any other cat her age, why Gleampaw remembered things she was never told, and why she was always so worried about Moonstar. Gleampaw used to live in SquirrelClan in a previous life before she was driven out and had to leave her kit behind, that kit left behind was Moonstar.

Hey! I know this was a kinda weird chapter, but you'll see where this is heading in time. Anyway, be sure to look out for Chapter 24, hopefully coming soon (to a theater near you XD)!

Chapter 24: "Doefoot"

Walking back to the LeafClan camp Moonstar was still in shock, Gleampaw was her mother reincarnated. How was it possible though? Moonstar's mother, Doefoot, had been driven out of SquirrelClan when Moonstar was only a kit! Moonstar had been raised by Pebblestar, Savanna, and Dogtail after Doefoot had been driven out, despite Pebblestar and Dogtail being brother and sister and Savanna being Pebblestar's best friend and Dogtail's mate the three were great foster parents.

I don't think I should tell Gleampaw, yet. Although I will need to speak to Goldenpetal, Lilacbreeze, and Skywing about it. Gleampaw then asked, "What are you thinking about Moonstar ?"

"Oh, nothing." Moonstar lied.

She couldn't get the fact that Gleampaw is Doefoot out of her head. *I wonder if you remembers any thing from her previous life?* Surely she must have some memories of Moonstar as a kit, or maybe of Redstar driving her out. Moonstar was trying to remember why Doefoot was driven out. Redstar was still a fairly new leader at the time, but why was she driven out?

Entering the camp Moonstar needed some time to process what she had learned, and mewed to Gleampaw, "I'm going to my den, you can do whatever you want in camp for the rest of the day."

Gleampaw nodded and trotted over to the fresh kill pile. Laying down in her den Moonstar fell asleep, and when she opened her eyes she was in the SquirrelClan camp. *What am I doing here?* Moonstar pondered. Suddenly Moonstar realized, she was the size of a kit! Looking around Moonstar noticed that Pebblestar was there, and a young warrior in fact not even deputy yet.

Redstar confronted a vaguely familiar she-cat, she was a calico with similar markings to Gleampaw except Gleampaw was light grey and

white not a calico. Redstar mewed, "Doefoot, I have no choice but to have you leave SquirrelClan."

Doefoot, tears in her eyes mewed, "But-bu-but what about Moonkit? You can't just expect me to leave her here? She's my kit, and she needs someone to raise her!"

Looking her dead in the eye a Redstar mewed sternly, "What you did was unacceptable! Moonkit will stay here Pebbleclaw, Dogtail, and Savanna can raise her. They can each take turns sleeping with her, eating with her, and playing with her."

"What was so wrong with what I did?!" Doefoot cried, her tears falling on the leaf-fall ground.

This time Pebbleclaw spoke up, "You killed two ShadowClan warriors, three WindClan warriors, and your mate, who was a SquirrelClan cat, all for no reason!"

Doefoot was starting to get defensive, "I didn't kill them for no reason! I had my reasons, but *you* won't listen to them!"

She then stormed out of the camp, giving Moonkit a quick loving glance. Soon all the cats were whispering and looking at Moonkit. She knew what they were thinking, was Moonkit going to be like her mother? Of course Moonstar knew that she was a loyal cat, who would only kill if needed, but she couldn't help but feel embarrassed. Savanna padded towards Moonkit, Dogtail and Pebbleclaw right behind her. The three cats layed down, circling Moonkit. "It's okay, we'll make sure no cat hurts you. No cat should be judged off of what their parents did." Pebbleclaw mewed.

Savanna started to lick Moonkit's head, Dogtail and Pebbleclaw purred in rhythm. As Moonkit drifted into sleep, Moonstar woke up in the LeafClan camp. Her heart beating in her chest, Moonstar was starting to remember more and more of her kithood. Which was odd, before now all Moonstar really remembered was being an apprentice. Moonstar was scared, *what if Gleampaw becomes just like Doefoot?!*

Chapter 25: "Shock"

⚠ ***WARNING THE CHARACTERS LILACBREEZE AND GOLDENPETAL HAVE IMPORTANT ROLES IN THIS CHAPTER, IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY THEN I ADVISE YOU REFRAIN FROM READING THIS CHAPTER*** ⚠

Her body shaking Moonstar slowly got up off the ground, she *needed* to speak with some cats. Which cats? Goldenpetal, Lilacbreeze, and Skywing. Lilacbreeze and Goldenpetal because they're Gleampaw's parents, Skywing because she's a medicine cat surely she'd be some what helpful.

Looking around the camp Moonstar nocticed Lilacbreeze and Goldenpetal affectionately grooming each other, playing like kits by scuffing each other on the ear. A purr rumbled from Moonstar's throat despite her worry. Padding up to the she-cats Moonstar mewed, "I need to speak with you and Skywing, alone."

Lilacbreeze looked concerned, "What's going on?"

"Uh- you'll see..." Moonstar didn't quite know what to say.

Although Goldenpetal nodded, "You get Skywing, we'll meet you in the Side Alley."

The she-cats got up and walked towards the fence. Moonstar decided to check the medicine den, *maybe Skywing's in there.* Nosing her way in Moonstar saw Skywing mixing up some herbs. "Oh hey, Moonstar! I'm just finishing making this poultice for Hawktalon's wrenched shoulder."

"Well, once you're done meet me in the Side Alley." Moonstar mewed.

Skywing nodded as Moonstar left for the Side Alley. Arriving there Moonstar said to Lilacbreeze and Goldenpetal, "She's on her way."

The two nodded, their eyes wide with fear. Moonstar having to speak with Goldenpetal and Skywing would be a pretty normal thing, seeing as they're the LeafClan medicine cats. Although bringing Lilacbreeze into this ment it probably had something to do with Gleampaw, Gorsepaw, or Swallowpaw. Skywing padded towards the other three she-cats, and then sat down next to Goldenpetal. Lilacbreeze and Goldenpetal were leaning on each other, whispering and licking the other's ear affectionately.

Noticing that Skywing had arrived they stopped and turned to Moonstar, who was a nervous wreck. Gathering all of her courage Moonstar mewed, "I need to speak to you about..." Moonstar's throat got tight, "Gleampaw."

Lilacbreeze's eyes widen with worry, Goldenpetal was trying to comfort her mate. Despite the fact that Moonstar hadn't even shared the news yet. Skywing just sat there, as if she hadn't even heard what Moonstar had said. Her eyes still wide, Lilacbreeze asked, "What about Gleampaw?"

Moonstar took a deep breath, "Not too long ago I received a prophecy from StarClan, it said that there's a cat who knew more than any cat thought they did. Pretty quickly I figured out it was Gleampaw, but then she started remembering things no cat had taught her. I was curious about it, she even mentioned Redstar the old SquirrelClan leader. When I got back to camp I fell asleep, and I firgured out that Gleampaw is my mother reincarnated. That's not the scary part though. My mother killed six cats, all for no reason."

Goldenpetal and Lilacbreeze were in complete shock over what they had just heard, but Skywing just stared into space. Her expression giving no hints to what she was thinking about. Moonstar waited for some cat to respond to what she had just said, at first no cat said anything. Then Skywing mewed, "If you're worried about Gleampaw being like your mother, don't worry. StarClan wouldn't of sent you a prophecy about Gleampaw if she was an evil cat, now would they?"

"I guess not."Moonstar muttered.

"Exactly, maybe this is a good sign. This is a good thing for LeafClan, trust me." Skywing sounded sure of herself, but Goldenpetal, Lilacbreeze, and Moonstar still didn't know what to think.

Chapter 26: "Scent of Death"

Coughing rose from the LeafClan camp, several cats were sick with Greencough. Moonstar was one of the healthy cats, but there were eight cats who were really sick. The eight sick cats were Specklenose, Bumblefoot, Sparrowswoop, Foxholly, Swallowpaw, Pigeonflight, Rippletail, and Shadespots. Goldenpetal and Skywing had suggested moving the sick cats out of camp, but Moonstar disagreed.

All of LeafClan was worried, especially Moonstar. Why wouldn't Moonstar be worried? There were eight cats in the camp who were extremely sick! Despite the sickness Moonstar tried to stay positive and hopeful. She couldn't let the Clan see her fear, especially the cats who were sick. The healthy cats were doing great at catching prey and patrolling, but it was still difficult.

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It was a few sunrises later, six of the eight sick cats now hunt with StarClan. The only two actually left alive were Sparrowswoop and Swallowpaw. Sparrowswoop had barely lived, and was still fairly weak, although Green Cough free. Swallowpaw made an incredibly quick recovery and was now back in training! Despite LeafClan's loss every thing seemed well, until one day.

Moonstar, Gleampaw, Clover, Hopstep, and Jewelfur were out hunting. The patrol had already collected five mice, three shrews, and a rabbit. Moonstar mewed, "We should probably go back to camp now."

Although Clover seemed to have different ideas, "No, we should go hunt in the Far Alley. We haven't hunted there in so long!"

"That's because Lilyseed and Flarestorm sighted twolegs there." Hopstep mewed.

Clover scoffed, "So?! You're not afraid of some stupid twolegs, are you?"

"No, I'm not!" Hopstep puffed up his chest.

Moonstar was getting annoyed with Clover taking charge when she shouldn't have been. For one, Moonstar was leading this patrol. For two, Moonstar was the leader of the whole entire Clan! *Can't Clover just respect that there are other cats in LeafClan with more authority than her?!* Moonstar flattened her ears and turned to Clover, "We do as I say, and *I* say we go back to camp with the prey we have!"

Clover mumbled something under her breath as Moonstar started to head back to the camp, *at least she's some what agreeing with me...* Moonstar's thoughts trailed off. Clover still looked mad as the patrol walked towards the camp, her mouth scrunched weirdly around the prey she was carrying.

Just then a sour scent hit Moonstar's nose, her nose wrinkled in disgust. She told Gleampaw, "Stay here and watch the prey, we're going to investigate that smell."

The patrol walked in the direction of the smell, when they walked into the alley they say something shocking. There was a cat, dead and covered with blood and scars. The only trace of what happened to the cat was a blood soaked tuff of fur.

Chapter 27: "Raccoon"

Moonstar, Clover, Hopstep, and Jewelfur stood in horror at the blood soaked lump of a cat in front of them. *Good thing we left Gleampaw to watch the prey, she's too young to see this much blood.* Moonstar winced, she remembered that in Gleampaw's previous life she was a blood-spilling murderer.

Jewelfur broke the silence, "Who would do such a thing?!"

The rest of the cats just stood in silence, unable to find the words or courage to speak. Hopstep spoke up, "We should clean off the blood, to find out who this cat i-was."

Clover nodded, whereas Moonstar just stood there. She was unable to move, speak, or think. It was as if she was somehow connected to this cat, despite that no cat could tell who it was through the blood.

Moonstar finally mewed, "Clover, go and get Skywing and Goldenpetal. They should know what to do more then us."

The she-cat scampered off, and the other cats started to try and clean off a little blood. Although not Moonstar, she still couldn't take her eyes off the cat. After some of the blood was removed she could see this cat had a pale grey pelt, with black paws, tail, and ears. Their eyes were a piercing deep blue, wide with clear fear. Moonstar's eye pupils dialated quickly, she saw a vision of a younger version of this cat with an older cat.

Moonstar couldn't tell who the older cat was, because all she saw of them were their legs. The young kit mewed, "What's in the forest over there, Doefoot?"

Doefoot responded, "Nothing, Raccoon. We don't go in the forest, especially with you being so young."

Raccoon nodded in agreement as he and Doefoot continued on their

way. Moonstar's vision cleared and she could see Raccoon's dead body again, *Raccoon is my brother,* Moonstar thought, *Doefoot must of found another mate after my father.*

Suddenly Clover returned with Goldenpetal and Skywing, Skywing went to cleaning off then blood. Goldenpetal stopped right next to Moonstar and asked, "Who was this cat?"

Moonstar croaked out the words, "Raccoon, why did you have to die?"

"Did you know this cat?" Goldenpetal pondered.

"No," Moonstar closed her eyes, "But I had a vision where I found out this cat is my brother."

"Your brother?!" Goldenpetal's eyes widened.

Moonstar nodded, she wished she had known him before now. Goldenpetal started to growl, "I know who did this, Xeno."

Chapter 28: "Xeno"

"Xeno?" Moonstar asked.

"He's Lilacbreeze's former mate, and he absolutely hates me." Goldenpetal mewed.

Moonstar pricked up her ears, "He hates you? But, why would he hate you?!"

"Because," Goldenpetal flattened her ears, "He blames me for 'stealing' Lilacbreeze, and the kits! I didn't steal them, Lilacbreeze chose to come with me because she loves me, and the kits also love me!"

Licking her daughter's cheek Moonstar mewed, "We should probably bury Raccoon, but first I think he deserves a warrior name." turning to the rest of the cats Moonstar mewed, "We're going to bury this cat, but first get the rest of the Clan. I'll explain why when you get back."

The cats nodded and headed off towards the camp, Moonstar then heard a cat walking towards her. She pricked up her ears, and a black and white tom emerged. He didn't notice Moonstar yet, so she quickly moved Raccoon's body. He finally noticed Moonstar, "Why hello there, how are you today? The name's Xeno, what's yours?"

"That's none of your business Xeno." Moonstar felt apprehension her belly, she was talking to Xeno, the cat you drove away Lilacbreeze and killed Raccoon.

"Alright then, fine. What are you doing out here, you pretty little she-cat." Xeno mewed suavely.

Moonstar scoffed, "Call me a 'pretty little she-cat' all you want, I

don't know what you're trying to get at."

"Truth is, I'm looking for my mate. Her name is Lilac. She run away from me quite some time ago and I'm looking for her." Xeno mewed.

"I don't know who that is," Moonstar lied," And you're probably not going to find her here."

"Oh, how unfortunate," Xeno acted like he actually cared about Lilacbreeze, "Well seeing as no cat I've asked has seen her, maybe you'd like to be my new mate?"

"Well, I'm flattered," *not really*, Moonstar thought, "I already have a mate and kits, and a possible second litter on the way. So unfortunetly, I cannot be your new mate." *and good thing*, Moonstar thought.

Xeno seemed intrigued by Moonstar having a mate and kits, "What they're names?"

Moonstar let out a snort, "If I won't tell you my name, what makes you think I'll tel you the name of my mate and kits?"

Just then Moonstar heard Fireclaw running and he skidded to a to a halt, "Oh there you are! Clover said to come here to see you, Moon-" he noticed Xeno, "Who's that?"

"Alright I guess I should probably go, hope to see you again soon, *Moon*." Xeno mewed as he walked away.

Fireclaw looked at Moonstar, "Who was that?"

"No one." Moonstar replied.

He seemed to believe Moonstar, as he didn't ask any more questions. Soon Clover, Jewelfur, and Hopstep emerged with the rest of the Clan, including Gleampaw. Moonstar grabbed Raccoon from where she had hidden his body, Cloud's eyes widened, "Is that Raccoon?!"

Moonstar nodded, "How to you know him?'

Her eyes were watery, on the verge of tears, "He and I were friends, how do you know him Moonstar?"

"I had vision, where I found out the Raccoon was my brother." Moonstar confessed.

The Clan gasped, clearing shocked. Fireclaw and a few others told her that they were sorry. The rest just stood in silence, Skywing then spoke up, "Do you want to bury him?"

"Yes," Moonstar mewed, "But first I want to give him a warrior name, in hopes that he will find his way to StarClan."

The rest of the cats agreed, including Cloud, Clover, Ink, and Fritz who had kept their kittypet/loner names. "Raccoon, from now on you shall be known as Raccoonear. In honor of the sound of you voice, which is missed by many."

The Clan chanted, "Raccoonear! Raccoonear!", they seemed happy despite the loss of a cat who would have been a worthy LeafClan warrior.

Chapter 29: "ThunderClan"

It had been a few day since Raccoonear had been buried, Moonstar often visited his grave to talk to him. Although the Clan seemed to manage to stay together despite all the recent loss.

Although lately ThunderClan had been scented on LeafClan's territory, which didn't make Moonstar too happy. When Snowspring , Flarestorm, Twisterheart, and Kestrelscreech encountered them at the border while hunting, ThunderClan accused LeafClan of lying! Which made Moonstar even more mad than she already was.

We should attack them! Yeah, that'll teach ThunderClan that accusing LeafClan of lying is a bad idea! Moonstar purred, she hadn't started a battle in a few moons. It would be good to stretch her muscles and feel another cat dangling in her jaws.

She walked out into the center of the camp, "Let all cats old enough to jump the fence gather around for a Clan meeting."

Every cat stopped what they were doing and turned to Moonstar, including Fallowkit and Rushkit, who were ready to be apprentices soon. Moonstar started to hiss, "As you all know ThunderClan has been accusing LeafClan of lying, and they have been scented on our territory. Personally I think the ThunderClan needs to be taught a lesson."

"A lesson?", asked Gorsepaw.

His mother hushed him, "Let Moonstar finish speaking, Gorsepaw."

"And by a lesson," Moonstar's eyes narrowed, "I mean we're going to attack them"

The Clan started cheering, and Moonstar started towards the fence, "The only cats staying in camp are Cloud, Rushkit, Fallowkit, and Skywing."

The cats who were staying behind headed towards the dens, and the rest of the Clan started leaping over the fence. After every cat was over the fence Moonstar followed, taking up the rear.

Once in ThunderClan's territory, they quickly ran through the trees. Once they found the entrance to the camp Moonstar took the lead. She ran into the camp, LeafClan following. She hissed, "We're here, and ready to fight."

LeafClan yowled and started to attack, Moonstar lunged towards Firestar. The tom growled, "What was this for Moonstar?!"

Moonstar smiled, "You know why."

Moonstar swiped at Firestar, and he ducked. Moonstar lost her balance and started to fall, Firestar leaped for her belly. He hissed in the process, "If I knew why I wouldn't be asking you."

Biting the tom's ear Moonstar snarled, "Don't play dumb, Firestar."

Hissing Firestar ripped his ear out of Moonstar's mouth, "I'm not playing dumb Moonstar!"

"Oh!" Moonstar joked, "So you're actually dumb!"

The two lunged at each other, trying to claw the other in the process. Moonstar and Firestar's noses banged together, both falling to the ground. Moonstar quickly got up, her nose throbbing. Before Firestar or Moonstar could say anything a wail rose above the noise, "Ah! I killed him!"

Everyone froze and turned towards the wail, there stood a ThunderClan apprentice over Stripepaw. The apprentice cried, "I didn't mean to kill him!"

Chapter 30: "The Aftermath of the Battle"

Firestar and Moonstar had almost immediately forgotten their feud and trotted over towards the ThunderClan apprentice. The leaders sat down beside the frightened apprentice and comforted them. "It's okay, Lionpaw. You didn't mean to kill him, and you probably underestimated your own strength." Firestar mewed.

Lionpaw mewed nervously, "But I killed a cat!"

"So he may never get to live as a warrior, but he died fighting for the Clan he loved." Moonstar mewed sweetly.

"You should give him his warrior name, Moonstar. He deserves it, but I don't." Lionpaw mewed with tears in his eyes.

Moonstar couldn't believe it, "You deserve your warrior name, Lionpaw. But I will give Stripepaw his warrior name, right now." Moonstar stood up as tall as she could and called, "Let all cats big enough to jump the fence gather around for a Clan Meeting!"

All the LeafClan cats turned to face Moonstar, whereas all the ThunderClan cats just stood there. Firestar then called, "Let all cats old enough to catch there own prey gather around for a Clan Meeting."

Then every cat turned to face Firestar and Moonstar. Moonstar mewed, "Today I will be giving Stripepaw his warrior name, because he fought bravely in this battle but unfortunately was killed by Lionpaw."

ThunderClan let out a sad sigh, and LeafClan let out some hushed hisses. Grassblade even let out a low growl. Firestar calmed the

cats, "Let's calm down every cat and listen to what Moonstar needs to say."

"Thank you, Firestar." Moonstar mewed, "By the power invested in me by StarClan, from this moment on Stripepaw shall be known as Stripeslash. In honor of how bravely he fought against Lionpaw."

"Stripeslash! Stripeslash!" Chanted both LeafClan and ThunderClan.

Moonstar flicked her tail, "Snowspring, Sharpwhisker and Juniperberry carry Stripeslash. Let's go back to camp."

Firestar stopped her before she could walk that far, "I won't forgive you for raiding my camp and trying to kill me, but I also won't hold against you too. You were just defending your Clan, and doing what you thought was best."

Moonstar dipped her head in respect, then Firestar quickly added, "By the way, you should consider giving that apprentice of yours her warrior name soon, she fought very well."

Sorry the kinda short chapter, I just wanted to get something out. By the way, I will be creating a new prologue for this book. It will be similar to the one that my friend made for her books "The Dawn Strikes" and "The Moon Rises", although It will be different as well. I will still keep the original up as well, for those who like it! Anyway, hope you have a great day or night!

- Zebra Pony

Update

Just added the new prologue! Yay! It's attached to the original prologue so go and check it out! Sorry for not updating in literally FOREVER I've been very busy with school and other stuff, but I'll try to update more frequently! Happy reading!

-Zebra-Pony12 (zebra pony/zebra)

Chapter 31: "Confrontation"

It had been a few days since the battle with ThunderClan, and Firestar even brought it up at the recent gathering. Although that wasn't really on Moonstar's mind, she had significantly better things to think about like training Gleampaw and dealing with Xeno. Sure, Moonstar hasn't seen Xeno since their first meeting, but that didn't keep the black and white tom out of her thoughts.

The words that he had said just stuck with Moonstar, she couldn't go a few moments without hearing the tom's voice ringing her ears. The worst part probably was that he knew Moonstar's name, well at least part of it. When Fireclaw had come to the scene he had only gotten the word Moon out of his mouth before noticing Xeno, *at least he doesn't know my full name, Moonstar.*

All the thoughts of Xeno swimming in her mind was enough to get Moonstar up, she was in the camp but started heading towards the fence. She needed to clear her head and if she ran into Xeno she could at least have some new thoughts about him swimming around in her head. She leaped the fence and started walking, not having a particular destination in mind, just walking.

Her mind swirled as she walked, trying to start thinking of something other than Xeno. She noticed a light brownish tabby tom walking in one of the alleys, *that's something other than Xeno* she thought. Moonstar started walking towards the tom when he noticed her. Turning towards her he mewed, "Lovely day ain't it?"

Moonstar was taken a little aback, this was the first that a cat greeted her like that. "Why yes," Moonstar began, "I came out here to clear my thoughts, but that hasn't been working all too well."

"What's been eatin' at 'cha?" He asked.

This cat is definitely interesting... Her thoughts trailed off. "Just this cat, he was really mean to my daughter's mate Lilacbreeze, and killed my brother Raccoonear."

The cat had a sympathetic gleam in his eye, "I'm sorry darlin'.'

"It's okay, it's just that he doesn't really care for anyone but himself. The one time I did meet him he asked me to be his mate, literally two seconds after asking me if I knew where Lilacbreeze was. But of course I declined, seeing as I already have a mate and kits." Moonstar explained.

The tom shook his head disapprovingly, "Some cats just have no respect, say ya want me to help ya deal with him?"

"Sure." Moonstar mewed hesitantly, "I'm Moonstar by the way."

The tom started walking, "The name's Uno."

Moonstar trotted up to Uno and fell in sync with him. Uno glanced around before turning towards Moonstar, "So what dies this Xeno cat look like?"

Taking a second to think Moonstar mewed, "He's a black and white with hazelish green eyes, and his coat is quite thick." Moonstar looked at her pelt then his pelt, she noticed that his pelt was very thin, and he was even missing fur in some places. "Significantly thicker than yours." She joked.

"M'kay, any idea where he'd be at?"

Suddenly out of the corner of her eye Moonstar noticed Xeno, crouching down behind a wooden box she hissed, "Get down, he's right over there."

Uno shifted his gaze towards Xeno's location. Completely ignoring her advice Uno walked up to Xeno, *what is he doing?!* Moonstar thought, her brain still trying to comprehend what was going on.

Uno mewed, "Howdy, what brings ya here?"

Xeno seemed just as confused as Moonstar was when she first met Uno. "Nothing much," Xeno started to explain, "what about you?"

Please don't mention me, please oh please don't mention me. Moonstar begged as she tried to peer around the box. Unfortunately Uno did

bring up Moonstar, "I'm here with my friend, 'ccordin' to her you ain't that nice of a cat."

Seeming intrigued by this Xeno asked, "And where is this friend of yours?"

"Right behind that wooden crate over there." Uno motioned with his tail towards Moonstar's hiding spot.

Slowly creeping out Moonstar started walking towards the toms. Recognizing her at once Xeno hissed, "It's you."

Uno seemed to ignore Xeno's comment and asked Moonstar, "What was it that cha said 'bout 'im Moonstar?"

Flinching Moonstar thought, *my full name*. "That's right Xeno, it's me."

Xeno growled, "What do you want?"

"I know that you're the one who killed Raccoonear! You're also the cat who drive away Lilacbreeze!" Moonstar shouted in anger.

"I thought you told me you didn't know Lilac!" Xeno cried.

Moonstar started to crouch down into a battle stance, "I told you that for Lilacbreeze's safety. She left you, Xeno. She wanted a better life for her and her kits, it's your fault Lilacbreeze left." Her voice was straining, Moonstar was yelling and trying to hold back tears at the same time.

"Her kits?!" Xeno snarled, "They're my kits!"

Collecting herself Moonstar stood up straight, "They're no longer your kits Xeno, they're Lilacbreeze and Goldenpetal's."

Fiery blazed in Xeno's eyes, "She took a she-cat as her new mate?!" He yelled.

This time Uno spoke, "Yeah, 'n do ya have-a problem wit dat?"

Moonstar felt a rush of graditude towards the tom, he was a kind

and accepting cat. She hoped that he would like to join LeafClan. Xeno, clearly annoyed, mewed, "Whatever, I don't care. I'm leaving, but I'd sleep with one eye open if I were you Moonstar."

Turning around Xeno left, Uno turned to Moonstar, "I can see what'cha mean by he ain't a nice cat."

"No kidding." Moonstar mewed plainly.

Moonstar started to walk back towards the camp, Uno followed her. "Do ya want me to walk'cha back to ya home, just in case Xeno comes back."

Perfect opportunity to ask him to join LeafClan. Moonstar mewed, "That would be very much appreciated. Thank you."

He just nodded and they started towards the camp, "Say," Uno started to ask, "Where do ya live anyway?"

"My Clanmates and I live in a fenced in area behind a building of some kind."

"Clanmates?" Uno asked.

Moonstar turned to face him, "Yeah, I'm the leader of a Clan of cats called LeafClan. We live together, hunt together, and defend our territory which is all of these alleys. Once a moon we meet with the other Clans, WindClan, RiverClan, ShadowClan, ThunderClan, and SquirrelClan to discuss how each Clan is doing."

"Sounds kinda fun." Uno mewed, "Do ya think yer Clanmates'll mind if I join yer Clan, LeafClan right?"

Amused Moonstar purred, "I'm sure they won't mind." More serious she added, "Besides, I'm Clan leader so what I say goes."

They then started running back to the camp, Moonstar was glad Uno decided to join LeafClan. He was a good cat and Moonstar was sure that her Clanmates would like him.

Yo, I'm finally posting chapters again, yay! I'm so glad you guys finally get to meet Uno, my fav cat in this book! But wait, you also get to see Xeno as well?! Is this amazing or what!? Alright, sorry for ranting, I'm just excited to finally get some new chapters out with better writing. I mean seriously, go back and read one of my really early chapters then come back and read this. What a difference 2 years can make, right? Anyway, just got River of Fire yesterday so I plan to read it today and tomorrow seeing as I have tomorrow off! Alright, I'll stop rambling on and on. Happy reading!

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Chapter 32: "Dreams and Decisions"

Along with Xeno being on her mind a lot Gleampaw being Moonstar's mother also seemed to be a reaccuring thought. Of course it also didn't help that Gleampaw was Xeno's biological kit and that Xeno also killed Doefoot's second kit, Raccoonear.

To possibly get some help Moonstar decided she would go to the moon pool, hoping that some cat would help her. She had also decided to bring Gleampaw along, because it sounded like a smart idea to her.

Before leaving for the moon pool Moonstar leaped up onto the cardboard box, "Let all cats old enough to jump and fence gather around for a Clan meeting."

The Clan, clearly confused, gathered around murmuring to each other. Sitting up tall Moonstar mewed, "These past few days have been quite hectic, with Raccoonear's death, the battle with ThundeClan, Stripeslash's death, and Uno joining the Clan. I have now decided to go to the moon pool to speak with StarClan in hopes of an answer as to why we have encountered so much struggle. I will be bringing Gleampaw along as well."

Uno stepped forward, "Could I com'a long too, Moonstar?"

Moonstar hesitated, "Uh- sure I guess."

"I will also come," mewed Skywing, "You'll need a medicine cat there."

Content with Skywing also coming Moonstar ended the meeting, and Moonstar, Skywing, Gleampaw, and Uno set off for the moon

pool. They had mostly walked in silence but once in ThunderClan territory Gleampaw asked, "Why's your name Uno?"

Uno shrugged, "Dunno, same reason yours is Gleampaw. My parents thought it was a nice name, just like how Goldenpetal thought Gleamkit was a nice name. Which yer now Gleampaw."

In his few days living with them Uno had adjusted well to Clan life, and had learned a lot about his Clanmates. Although curious why he wanted to come to the moon pool Moonstar asked, "Why did you want to come to the moon pool?"

"Thought it would be a nice way to really understand Clan life, plus learn more about that StarClan I hear ya'll blabberin' 'bout." Uno explained.

Skywing mewed, "Well, you and Gleampaw probably won't get to visit with StarClan, although you could try. Moonstar and I will hopefully get some answers."

They were quiet for the rest of the way to the moon pool, only really talking no when they ran into a WindClan patrol. "What are you doing in Wind Clan's territory?" Crowfeather asked sternly. He then noticed that Skywing and Moonstar were there, "I apologize Moonstar, I didn't realize that you and Skywing were there. Do you wish to speak to Onestar?"

"No, we are on our way to the moon pool." Moonstar explained, "I'm sorry for walking so far in your territory though, Uno recently joined our Clan and we just wanted him to see your territory in case he needs to go to WindClan for some reason."

Sure it was a lie, and a terrible one at that, but it was better to say that than that Moonstar had gotten distracted and her paws strayed from the path from the moon pool. Crowfeather and his patrol seemed satisfied enough and left the LeafClan cats, wishing them that StarClan may light their paths. Finally making their way to the moon pool the cats walked down the path, the stone under their paws smooth and cold.

Moonstar gazed at the moon pool as it came into view, it was still

as breathtaking as the first time she saw it. Uno and Gleampaw seemed to be amazed at the sight, but Skywing just calmly padded to the pool. Laying down Skywing turned to Uno and Gleampaw, "Either you can stand guard or try and speak with StarClan."

Moonstar layed down next to Skywing and Gleampaw layed down next to her mentor, Uno slowly made his way to the moon pool. Moonstar mewed, "Now touch your nose the water, and lay like you're going to sleep. Then hopefully you'll speak with StarClan."

Skywing went first, Gleampaw next, Uno slowly touched his nose the water, and Moonstar went last, closing her eyes. The cold water shocking her just as it did the first time. When she opened them Crystalfur was standing there, Whitefoot at her side. Glancing around Moonstar saw that Skywing, Gleampaw, and Uno were there.

Returning her gaze back to Crystalfur and Whitefoot, Moonstar dipped her head in respect, "Greetings Crystalfur and Whitefoot."

Whitefoot mewed, "I understand that you have been going through some though times, Moonstar."

"Yes, but trust us." Crystalfur agreed, "you must remember, look for the one who stands out from the rest for they know more than you think."

Hinting at Gleampaw, Crystalfur and Whitefoot disappeared. Again the voice said, "Dawn will end, only if the Moon rises."

Finally it clicked, Gleampaw would be of help to end the Dawn, whatever that was. Moonstar's head was buzzing, *Gleampaw, but how?*

Alright guys hopefully you enjoyed that! I had literally no ideas but then this idea popped into my head and I was like: eh, good enough. I'm almost done with River of Fire, only 2 chapters! So, anyway, uh happy reading!

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Chapter 33: "The Reason Why"

Moonstar awoke from her dream, dazed and confused, glancing around she noticed that Uno and Gleampaw were even more confused. Skywing was the only one who seemed to be unphased by Moonstar's dream *she's used to StarClan's weird messages,* Moonstar thought.

"What did they mean by the Dawn will end, only if the Moon rises?" Gleampaw asked Moonstar.

"I don't even know, but it must be important because I've been told it multiple times." Moonstar confessed.

Curious, Uno asked, "Who's that cat you knows more than the rest?"

Nervous, Moonstar dragged her gaze across the cats. She wanted to tell them that it was Gleampaw, but she also didn't want to. Moonstar didn't want to admit it, but she was afraid, afraid of what may come in the future. Building up all her courage she mewed, "I haven't told any cat this yet, but it's Gleampaw."

Their expressions told Moonstar all she needed to know, they were scared, and confused. Her eyes widening Gleampaw stared at her mentor in shock, "Me? But how?!"

"I'm still not sure how you will help us, but I think somehow you'll help to end the Dawn." Moonstar sat down and so did the others, "But I quickly figured out that you were the one."

Skywing, speaking for the first time since they came here, mewed, "I too received this prophecy, but didn't figure out that it was Gleampaw. Would you care to explain, Moonstar?"

"At first it was just little things that she knew, and I assumed it was nothing important. Then you started to know things no cat had ever told you, and then it clicked. Gleampaw, you are the reincarnation of my mother, Doefoot. She was exiled from SquirrelClan when I

was a kit for killing 6 cats, all apparently for no reason. After she left she must of found a new mate because she gave birth to Raccoonear, who was my brother." Moonstar explained to Uno, Gleampaw, and Skywing.

A spark lit in Gleampaw's eyes, as if everything now made sense, "I remember it all so clearly now!"

"Do ya remember yer, I mean Doefoot's, reasons for killin' them six cats?" Uno asked.

Closing her eyes Gleampaw tried to remember, it was like that was her method of seeing Doefoot's memories. Opening them her eyes looked calmer than before, unusually calm, "I do, she killed those cats in defense. Apparently they had all been plotting to take over the Clans by killing the leaders of each Clan. Unsure of how to stop them Doefoot did the only thing she thought was reasonable, killing them."

Something flashed in Gleampaw's eyes, they then returned to the bright and cheery eyes that they usually were. "That is so cool, but so weird!" She mewed excitedly.

Glancing around Skywing mewed, "Come on, we can discuss this more when we get back to camp."

Nodding in agreement they set off towards the LeafClan camp. LeafClan's future was still very unknown, but for some reason knowing this knowledge made Moonstar feel less worried and scared. In fact, it even made her feel safe.

Alright everyone thank you so much for reading this! I'm just excited for me to have a regular-ish updating schedule. So just a little warning for y'all I'm going to be doing Driver's Ed the next few weeks (yes, I know, I'm old I can almost drive) so I won't be able to work on this story as much. I hope you understand! Happy reading!
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Chapter 34: "The Discussion"

After their trip to the moon pool Moonstar knew that she, Gleampaw, Uno, and Skywing had a lot to deal with. They made their way back into the camp, it was early morning and Grassblade was organizing patrols. Noticing the cats walking back into camp she mewed, "Great your back! Uno, I would like you to take a hunting patrol to the Back Alley. Take..." she scanned the camp, "Flarestorm, Stormnose, Poppydrop, Arrowheart, and Lilacbreeze with you."

Uno nodded, and went over to tell the cats Grassblade had to told him to take about the patrol. Goldenpetal also noticed their return and padded up to Moonstar, Skywing, and Gleampaw. Nuzzling her daughter Goldenpetal mewed, "How was the moon pool?"

Gleampaw glanced at Moonstar, who returned a stern look. *Don't tell her that you know about your past life! I told her about it, but she doesn't need to know that you know!* Thanks to some miracle that happened in that moment Gleampaw replied, "It was good, nothing too special happened."

Not the best answer, but it works, Moonstar thought relieved. Goldenpetal glanced towards Moonstar and Skywing, hoping for some clues at to what Gleampaw meant by that. Skywing just stared at her paws, shifting her weight. Moonstar quickly looked away and pretended to be interested in something on the other side of the camp. "Okay, then..." Goldenpetal murmured, before raising her voice to speak to Gleampaw, "Well I'm glad you enjoyed your trip to the moon pool. If you will excuse me I have some herbs that I need to collect, Skywing would you care to join me?"

"Sure." Skywing mewed as she and Goldenpetal left camp.

After the she-cats had left Gleampaw surpressed a sigh, "I feel bad lying to Goldenpetal, and especially about this."

Moonstar rested her tail on Gleampaw's shoulders, "I told her that you have a past life, and that it in your past life you were a murderer." Gleampaw's eyes flashed with anger and alarm, "Sorry, but I don't want her to know that you know yet. For right now, we can only discuss this with Uno, Skywing, me, and you."

Gleampaw nodded, understanding. Moonstar then got an idea, "Tonight you, me, Uno, and Skywing will sneak out of camp and discuss about what to do, got it?"

"Yes." Gleampaw mewed with a curt nod.

The rest of the day went on as usual, various patrols came and left. Cloud and Stormnose's kits even got apprenticed, Rushpaw's mentor was Snowspring and Fallowpaw's mentor was Uno. Throughout the day Moonstar had spread her message of the meeting that to both Uno and Skywing. It was now night time and Moonstar glanced around her den. Fireclaw slept next to her, peacefully. She carefully stood up and quietly padded out of the den, trying desperately not to wake her mate.

Once out of earshot she padded over towards the box that was used as apprentice's den, she poked her head into the den. Moonstar had expected Gleampaw to be sound asleep, but instead she was wide awake. Her eyes brighten at the sight of Moonstar, "Is it time?!" She whispered excitedly.

"Yes," Moonstar mewed in a hushed voice, "You go wake up Uno, and I'll get Skywing." Gleampaw started quickly trotting to one of the many warriors dens, "And quietly!" Moonstar added, worried Gleampaw would wake literally every cat in camp.

Quickly and quietly making her way to the medicine den Moonstar glanced around, it was Skywing in the den as Goldenpetal and Lilacbreeze sleep together in a small box near the medicine den. "Skywing!" She whispered loudly.

Skywing lifted her head up, her eyes still dreary she blinked a

couple times to wake them up. Standing up quickly walked towards Moonstar, "Are Uno and Gleampaw up?"

Moonstar nodded and the she-cats left camp, meeting Gleampaw and Uno not too far from the fence. Once out if camp the cat wandered around for a little bit before settling down in a wooden box, the one Moonstar had hidden behind a few days ago when she had spotted Xeno. Moonstar was the first to speak, "Okay, we're all here for one reason and one reason only, Gleampaw is Doefoot."

Moonstar half expected one of them to say a snarky remark such as 'Tell us something we don't know!', but instead they all stayed quiet and nodded in agreement. Continuing on Moonstar mewed, "We as a group need to figure a few things. 1: why is this important, 2: when would be a good time to tell the rest of the Clan, and 3: is this a good or a bad thing? Any ideas?"

"We should tell the rest of the Clan when and if her past life becomes relevant." Skywing explained, "If there is no need what so ever for them to know and/or Gleampaw's past life will be in no way of help, what's the point of telling them if they don't need to know about it? So I suggest we tell them when and if her past life is relevant."

"Skywing does have-a pretty good point," Uno chimed in.

Nodding Moonstar mewed, "So it's settled, we'll tell the Clan when and if Gleampaw's past life becomes relevant."

Finally speaking up Gleampaw mewed, "As to whether this a good or a bad thing, at the moment it doesn't really seem to be a super good or a super bad thing. So I'd say right now it's kind of neutral, and that we can officially decide whether it's a good or a bad thing after we have more time to process and understand it."

"'N I think that we should also decide it's importance after we got some more information 'n have more time to process it." Uno explained.

"Alright." Moonstar stood up and started to walk towards the camp, "We'll do this every so often until we figure out the answer to all

those questions and more. Now let's go back to camp and get some sleep."

The cats all got up and started heading back to camp, they were tired and walking pretty slow. Once finally back in camp the cats went back to their dens, and layed down. Nothing at changed since they left and it almost like time had frozen for those few minutes they had left. Moonstar layed down in her next, exhausted, she closed her heavy eyes and drifted off to sleep.

Woo, this took so long to write but it was totally worth it right? I honestly am trying to write as many chapters as possible before the school year ends because my summer is super busy that probably means that from June 7th to early September I won't be posting that many chapters, anyway happy reading!

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Chapter 35: "Suspicion"

It was the morning after Moonstar, Gleampaw, Uno, and Skywing's meeting, when Moonstar finally woke up it was late morning. After she emerged from her den suddenly Fireclaw trotted up to her, "Good morning, sorry I didn't wake you. It's just that you looked so tired, so I decided to let you rest."

Fallowpaw decided to join the conversation, "Moonstar's not the only one who's sleeping in, Uno just got up a few moments ago."

"Gleampaw and Skywing are both still asleep." Goldenpetal mewed.

Taking notice of his family standing together talking Stormnose called, "Has anyone else noticed that the cats who slept in are the cats who went to the moon pool?"

Uno padded up to Moonstar, the rest of the Clan was taking notice of Stormnose's remark. Curious, Uno turned to Moonstar, "What's going on?"

Nervously Moonstar whispered, "I think the rest of the Clan is suspicious of us, Stormnose just pointed out that all the cats who slept in today had gone to the moon pool."

Over all the cats talking Moonstar heard Lilacbreeze call to Goldenpetal, "Hey, didn't Gleampaw avoid your question when you asked her about her trip to the moon pool?"

"She did?!" Said multiple cats.

"Yeah," Goldenpetal mewed, "she's normally so eager to talk to me. Something's going on here, and I think we all want to know about it."

Within this time Skywing and Gleampaw had joined the Moonstar and Uno, suddenly her Clanmates started surrounding her, mad. Moonstar closed her eyes tightly and yowled, "No! No! No!"

Moonstar felt herself being shaken, and opened her eyes. She was back in her den, Fireclaw stood over her. His expression was worried, relieved, and loving all at the same time. "Are you okay, Moonstar? I heard you tossing around and chanting 'No! No! No!' in your sleep."

Relieved that she had just been dreaming Moonstar mewed, "Yes, I'm perfectly fine. Just a bad dream I guess."

"Good," Fireclaw nuzzled Moonstar's cheek and licked her, "now come on."

Once outside of her den Moonstar looked around the camp, her pelt tingling in anxiety. She could feel that eyes were wide, and a few cats had even given her a slightly strange glance. Looking around she noticed that Gleampaw, Skywing, and Uno all had similar expressions, they were all scared and anxious. The three cats all noticed Moonstar and all quickly padded up to her, "Could I talk to you about something?" They all seemed to say in unison.

Glancing around she mewed, "Uh- sure. Let's talk outside of camp."

They ended up in the crate they had met in that night. Uno asked, "Did ya'll have-a strange dream last night?"

"Yeah." Mewed Gleampaw.

Skywing and Moonstar just nodded. "Were we being cornered?" Asked Skywing.

"And I called out, 'No! No! No!'?" Moonstar pondered, curious if they had all shared the same dream.

"Yes! Exactly!" Shouted Gleampaw.

"I don't understand it..." Uno's voice trailed off, "How could we all share a dream when we weren't at the moon pool?"

Skywing's eyes got screwed up, she was confused, "I don't know, but StarClan must of wanted us to share this dream for some reason."

Suddenly noticing Gleampaw's look of terror, Moonstar asked, "What's wrong Gleampaw?"

"Do you-" Gleampaw stammered, "do you think that.... that Goldenpetal is mad at me like she was in the dream?"

Unsure of what to say or how to react Moonstar just licked Gleampaw's forehead, "No Gleampaw, Goldenpetal loves you very much. She may be a little mad or confused but she loves you too much to try kill you. In fact, she loves all of us too much to kill us."

"What do ya mean Moonstar?" Asked Uno.

Sitting up tall Moonstar addressed the other cats, "This is what I mean. Gleampaw, your Goldenpetal's daughter. She loves you and treats you like you're her daughter, because you are, and she wouldn't dare hurt you. Skywing, you're her mentor. You've taught her so much and she'll forever be grateful for that. Uno, you basically saved her life. You helped me face Xeno, who would of gladly killed both me and Goldenpetal. Finally me, I'm her mother, leader, and biggest supporter. I would give the world for her, and I hope she'd do the same for me."

"All of our Clanmates love us too much," Skywing started, "Moonstar, you're their leader and so many cats look up to you. Uno, you a brave warrior and a close friend to so many cats. Gleampaw, you're a lively and spunky apprentice who brightens everyone's day. And I'm a loyal medicine cat who is always willing to help my Clanmates."

Uno, embarrassed mewed, "Since we're talkin' 'bout how much our Clanmates love us, let's go back to camp. We shouldn't worry 'bout that dream, prolly (probably, btw any parentheses I have will be me translating Uno-nese, as I call it) was nothin'."

They all left and made their way back to camp, Uno was right they shouldn't worry about it. Although this wouldn't be the end of their struggles with Doefoot and weird dreams, Moonstar could feel it.

Hopefully you enjoyed that chapter! I just have a quick question for ya'll: should I create a new book? What I mean by that is should I wrap up Moonstar's Decision and continue the story in a new book or just continue her story in this one. But either way this is not the end of Moonstar and LeafClan's story, and it will be continued in this book or another. Just wanted to ask to see if you guys had a preference as you'll be reading it. Happy reading!

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Chapter 36: "Pushed Aside"

Alright before we get into this chapter I want to tell ya'll something. Chapter 40 will be the last chapter of Moonstar's Decision, and I will continue the story in a new book titled: "Moonstar's Fear". Now back to your semi-regularly scheduled chapter.

"Do ya 'member (remember) anythin' 'bout yer past life, Gleampaw?" Uno asked.

Skywing, Uno, Gleampaw, and Moonstar were all gathered in the camp, it was late in the evening and they were all eating prey. While gathered together eating Uno had suggested that they take turns asking Gleampaw questions about her past life. Gleampaw mewed, "I remember a lot of stuff about being Doefoot, what to want to know specifically?"

Taking a moment to think Moonstar came up with a question, "Who raised me after you were exiled from SquirrelClan?"

"Uh..." Gleampaw closed her eyes, "from what I remember Pebblestar, at the time Pebbleclaw, Dogtail, and Savanna raised you."

Nodding Skywing finished chewing her bite of vole, "Who was the medicine cat of SquirrelClan?"

Swallowing Gleampaw replied, "Mudstripe, although it had been only recently that he was being the solo medicine cat as Mosspatch had only died a few moons ago."

"Impressive." mewed Uno.

Suddenly Fireclaw was approaching the group with a small mouse dangling from his jaws, dropping it on the ground he sat down next to Moonstar. "Mind if I join you?" he asked.

"Not at all." Gleampaw mewed, her eyes calm, clearly she was still in Doefoot's memories.

Both Skywing and Uno gave Gleampaw a stern glare, taking notice of what happened she closed her eyes and upon opening them her eyes were the normal bright and cheery they normally were. Luckily for them all, Fireclaw barely took notice of the situation.

A few sunrises later Moonstar, Skywing, Gleampaw, and Uno were all walking towards SquirrelClan's territory. Somehow they had decided that the four of them should go into the SquirrelClan camp so Gleampaw can explain all she remembers of the camp to Moonstar, Uno, and Skywing. Their reasoning behind going to SquirrelClan's camp, Skywing needed to speak with Cricketleap regarding medicine cat stuff, which was actually true.

They entered the SquirrelClan camp, and several cats noticed their arrival. Dawnstep, who breaifly looked disgusted by Moonstar's arrival, padded over towards Moonstar, Gleampaw, Uno, and Skywing. "How may I help you?" Dawnstep asked sternly.

Moonstar took a step forward, "Skywing wishes to speak with Cricketleap, and requested an escort so Gleampaw, Uno and I came along with."

Grunting Dawnstep mewed, "Skywing is welcome to speak with Cricketleap, as for the rest of you feel free to stay in the camp."

Skywing walked towards the medicine den, and Moonstar started walking towards the nursery. Uno asked Gleampaw, "What's this den?"

"The nursery, I raised Moonstar in there before I was exiled." Gleampaw closed her eyes, "I remember it do fondly, and hated when I raised Raccoonear without the comfort of the den."

Widening her eyes Moonstar asked Gleampaw, "You remember

raising Racconear?!"

"Of course I do! Did you expect me to forget about my son, even in this new body?!" snapped Gleampaw.

Gleampaw's eyes suddenly flashed, and went back to their normal cheeriness with a hint of sadness. "I'm sorry, Moonstar. Doefoot suddenly took over."

"Took over?" Uno wondered.

"Yeah," mewed Gleampaw sheepishly "it's like she's always in me as a part of me, but she can take over the body and push me to the side. It's hard to explain, but she's never shoved me aside that forcefully before. Being in her old home must make her more emotional."

Moonstar took a deep breath, and they continued around the camp asking Gleampaw about her past life in SquirrelClan. Once Skywing was done they peacefully left and explained to Skywing what they had learned while in the SquirrelClan camp. The medicine cat closed her eyes, "Doefoot's presence must be stronger in Gleampaw than we thought, and we must be careful. If we do this correctly Doefoot may become our most powerful weapon against SquirrelClan."

Hey ya'll! Hope you enjoyed this chapter that's a million years late! Are you excited for Moonstar's Fear, because I am sure am! Anyway, I'll let you go on with your day. Happy reading!

-zebra-pony12 (zebra-pony/zebra)

Question/Update

Alright this is a very important Question/Update, so please answer this question because I want to your guys opinions.

Should I make an audio book of Moonstar's Decision? I am really curious to know what you guys think, because I would like to make an audio book of Moonstar's Decision.

I would post a casting call on my YouTube channel, and of course tell all of you guys when I post the casting call! I would also post a casting call on Casting Call Club. By posting it in both places this would allow both professional voice actors and actresses along with all of you, my amazing fans, to audition for characters!

The audio book would be all of the voice actors saying their lines and there will also be pictures on the screen that go along with the story.

I will be looking for people to voice all of the characters, someone willing to narrate the story, and artists to draw the pictures of what's going on in the story.

So if you would like me to make an audiobook tell me down below in the comments, and if you don't want me to make it, why not? Also if you would want to audition to be a voice actor, narrator, or artist tell me in the comments what role you would like to audition for! And if you want to be a voice actor, what character or characters would you want to audition for?

Alright that's all I wanted to ask you guys! Happy reading!

-zebra-pony12 (zebra pony/zebra)

Chapter 37: "Goldenpetal and Xeno"

Moonstar padded around the LeafClan camp, looking at all of her Clanmates. Cloud and Stormnose we're sharing tongues together, Swallowpaw and Gorsepaw were practicing hunting techniques, Uno and his apprentice, Fallowpaw, were just leaving the camp for training, and many other cars were all in the camp.

After looking around the camp for a little longer Moonstar noticed Goldenpetal, her daughter and medicine cat, trotting towards Moonstar. Curious as to what the medicine cat wanted Moonstar tilted her head sideways, "How can I help you, Goldenpetal?"

"Hey, could we talk outside of camp in one if the alleys?" Goldenpetal asked, her eyes slightly worried.

Hesitating for a moment, "Sure, let's go." Moonstar mewed with a hint of uncertainty in her voice.

"Great." Goldenpetal mewed as the two she-cats headed towards the fence.

After leaping over the fence and walking in silence Goldenpetal and Moonstar stopped in one of the front alleys and sat down. "What did you wanted to talk to me about?" Moonstar asked as she adjusted herself to a more comfortable position.

Shifting her gaze a little bit Goldenpetal mewed, "I wanted to talk to you about Gleampaw."

Wincing, Moonstar widened her eyes in fear and worry. "What

about Gleampaw?" Moonstar asked, her stomach filled with nerves, "Her training's going really well and is going to be a warrior in the next few moons."

"I know, " the golden tabby mewed, "it's just that I see her hanging out with you, Uno and Skywing a lot and I feel like I'm losing some of the most important cats in my life. I mean, Gleampaw's my daughter, Skywing's my mentor, and your my mother. So I guess I was wondering why the four of you seem to be hanging out so much?"

Moonstar froze, her eyes getting very wide. "Are you okay, Moonstar?" she heard Goldenpetal ask.

Although she wanted to respond, Moonstar couldn't. She had no idea as to what to say, did she tell Goldenpetal about all that had been going on? Or did she make up some lame and hard to believe excuse? Snapping back to reality Moonstar mewed softly, "Yes I'm fine..." she trailed off.

"Okay, then can you answer my question?" Goldenpetal insisted.

Taking a deep breath Moonstar decided to tell Goldenpetal the truth. Even though it meant possibly losing the trust of Skywing, Gleampaw and Uno, Moonstar couldn't bare lying to her daughter. "The reason that Uno, Skywing, Gleampaw and I have been hanging out so much is because of Gleampaw's past life, Doefoot. When we visited the moon pool we were told two prophecies , both of which I had already ready heard, and one was about Doefoot. I told Uno, Skywing and Gleampaw about Doefoot and we all started to try and figure out more about how Doefoot is Gleampaw's past life. We would ask her questions and we even visited SquirrelClan's camp to find out more. I'm sorry for not telling you sooner, but it was for Gleampaw and Doefoot's safety."

"It's okay, I understand you guys were just doing what you thought was best." mewed Goldenpetal lovingly.

The she-cats stood up and were about to leave when Moonstar scented another cat's presence, baring her teeth Moonstar growled under her breath, "Xeno."

Her eyes full of worry Goldenpetal whispered, her voice shaking, "Where?"

"I'm not sure , but I can scent him." Moonstar glanced around the alley, "You hide in that knocked over silver den, and I'll deal with Xeno."

Goldenpetal nodded then quickly ran to the silver den and crawled inside it, and crouched down. Moonstar started walking around the alley, her mouth open in hopes of finding out exactly where Xeno was. Suddenly appearing at the end of the alley Xeno narrowed his eyes, "Moonstar, what are you doing here?" he growled.

"Funny, I was going to ask you the same thing." Moonstar mewed sarcastically.

The black tom's eyes widened in surprise, "You're not here alone are you Moonstar? Or are you really just that stupid to go out without backup?"

"Wouldn't you like to know? I'm not telling you anything." challenged Moonstar.

Seeming surprised Xeno started slowly walking towards Moonstar, "You can tell yourself that, but I'll get you to tell me where Lilac and my kits are."

"And, tell me now, how exactly are you going to get that information out of me? Because as far as you should be concerned, my jaws are shut." Moonstar mewed as she walked past the silver den Goldenpetal was hiding in, which would hopefully prevent Xeno from discovering where the she-cat was hidden.

An evil grin split across his face as Xeno mewed, suavely, "You could tell me right now, or I'll force it out of you."

"Go ahead," Moonstar growled as she crouched down into a fighting position, "do your worst."

Smirking Xeno crouched down into a similar fighting pose, "Oh, but I don't think you want me to."

"Bring it on." Moonstar mewed evilly as an evil grin split across her face.

Suddenly Xeno lunged towards Moonstar and pinned the leader on the ground. The tom leaned over Moonstar, his teeth bared, and his claws unsheathed digging into Moonstar's pelt. He started towards Moonstar's throat and bit down, and out of the corner of her eye Moonstar saw Goldenpetal sprinting toward's Xeno. Then suddenly everything went dark.

I know a cliff hanger, how evil of me! I hope you enjoyed this chapter of "Moonstar's Decision" and that you're all excited for what's to come next. I also just wanted to let ya'll know that the casting call for the "Moonstar's Decision " audiobook series thinga-ma-bob is up on my YouTube channel: TigerstarFan69 so feel free to go check it out and audition for a character or 10! I know that I've been kinda slow with updating chapters, but please bare with me on this! I'm quite busy with my school work and have been a little stressed lately (I hate World History and it stresses me out a lot) so I could only write occasionally. Plus I wanted to finish the Casting Call! Happy reading!

-zebra-pony12 (zebra-pony/zebra)

Chapter 38: "StarClan's Obscure Messages"

The last thing Moonstar had seen before everything went dark was Goldenpetal sprinting towards Xeno. She was unsure of how the event had actually turned out, and was scared none the less. When Moonstar regained her sight she took notice that she was in StarClan. *Great...* Moonstar complained to herself, *I lost another life! What am I down to now? 7?*

Crystalfur and Whitefoot soon emerged from behind a nearby bush, "I lost another life, didn't I?" Moonstar asked the she-cats.

"Unfortunately, yes." replied Whitefoot.

Looking down at her paws, Moonstar hissed under her breath in annoyance, "Just what I thought.", returning her gaze to the she-cats she mewed, with a bit of sass, "You're probably here to tell me that stupid prophecy again, I presume."

"And, which prophecy are you speaking of Moonstar?" Crystalfur asked calmly.

Taking a deep breath Moonstar admitted, "The one prophecy about how 'Dawn will end, only if the Moon rises', which is just about the only prophecy that I can't figure out."

"We wish we could help you with Moonstar, but we can't." Whitefoot sat down next to Moonstar, and put her tail over Moonstar's shoulders.

Crystalfur sat down on the other side of Moonstar, "Don't get discouraged Moonstar, I know that right now you may not understand what it means, but you will soon. Sooner than you may think."

Both Crystalfur and Whitefoot licked Moonstar on her head, and suddenly Moonstar awoke, back in the alley, feeling stronger than she ever had. Glancing around her, Moonstar realized that almost no time had passed since Xeno and took away one of her lives. Goldenpetal knocked Xeno off of Moonstar, and pinned the tom to the ground. Moonstar quickly stood up and rushed over to wear Goldenpetal and Xeno pinned. "I can take it over from here." Moonstar growled menacingly.

Nodding, Goldenpetal leaped off of Xeno and Moonstar motioned for the she-cat to run, as quick as she possibly could Goldenpetal speed off. *Hopefully she's going back to camp,* Moonstar prayed, *she'll be safe there.* Returning her gaze to Xeno, Moonstar bared her teeth. "But how are you alive?! I thought I killed you?!" Xeno asked, astonished.

Ignoring his question, Moonstar slowly walked towards Xeno, her teeth were bared and she was growling. Xeno's eyes widened, and then the tom turned around and fleed, clearly thinking that Moonstar had won this round. Although, before he turned around the corner he glanced back at Moonstar, a flash of hatred in his eyes. Surpressing a sigh Moonstar started walking back to camp, hoping that Goldenpetal had speed off in that direction.

Once she reached the fence she leaped over it, and noticed Goldenpetal waiting for Moonstar. Running over to her mother Goldenpetal licked Moonstar's cheek, "I'm glad your safe!" the medicine cat sighed.

Moonstar nodded, "Yeah, it was pretty scary back there. I even lost a life."

Suddenly Moonstar remembered something, many moons ago she had nine dreams. Each of the dreams were the exact same, except the ending. *Each ending was how I lose a life!* Moonstar thought excitingly, *and I bet the mysterious cat Skywing dreamed about was Xeno!*

Backing away from her daughter Moonstar mewed, apologetically, "I'm sorry, but I have to go speak with Skywing. I think I just figured out one of StarClan's, many, obscure messages!"

Moonstar ran towards the medicine den, not even waiting for Goldenpetal to respond. She had to ask Skywing about the mysterious cat in her dreams, and if she had dreamed about the cat even more since the last time they had spoken about the dreams. *It's all finally starting to make sense...*

Alright everyone, thank you so much for reading this chapter! I know it's been almost a month since I last updated, but I have a semi-good reason! My school banned Wattpad on the iPads we use at school, so that means I can't write when I have free time. But I think I may of found a loophole, I just write the chapter in Google Docs, then paste it into Wattpad! So if I start doing that I may update on a more regular basis, but I don't know. Anyway, I know this is a sort of short chapter but I wanted to get something out! Happy reading!

- zebra-pony12 (zebra - pony/zebra)

Chapter 39: "Dreams of the Past"

"I figured it out Skywing!" Moonstar mewed as she raced into the medicine den, almost knocking over Skywing.

Skywing turned to face Moonstar, "What are you talking about, Moonstar?"

"The dreams I had many moons ago, where at the end of each one I died a different way. Those dreams were telling me how I am going to lose each of my lives!" Moonstar mewed, barely pausing to take a breath.

The medicine cat nodded, but had a worried look at her face, "But, how did you find this out?"

"Err..." Moonstar trailed off, "I may, *or may not,* of lost a life fighting with Xeno."

A shocked expression took over Skywing's face, "Xeno? As in the cat who's Gleampaw, Gorsepaw, and Swallowpaw's real father?!"

"Of course Xeno!" Moonstar hissed angrily, "I've met him several times, and each time leaves me more confused than the last!"

The silver tabby padded up to Moonstar, and sat down next to the leader. Her long striped tail laid across Moonstar's back, "It's okay Moonstar, there's no need to get upset. So, what about the dreams? Do you remember what happened in your third dream?"

Taking a moment to think, Moonstar went through all the dreams she remembered, "The first dream ended with me fighting a fox, which I lost my first life to a fox. The second one ended with a cat biting my neck, and that's how Xeno killed me. I'm having trouble remembering the third one though..." Moonstar didn't finish her thought.

Skywing licked Moonstar's cheek, "It's fine, you just lost a life and your still quite shaken from it. You need to rest, I'll give you a juniper berry and some poppy seeds to help."

"Thanks Skywing." purred Moonstar.

The medicine cat turned around towards her herb storage, and put a juniper berry and a few poppy seeds onto a small piece of a soft twoleg pelt. Goldenpetal then entered the medicine den, "Moonstar, what was so important that you needed to tell Skywing right away?"

Moonstar opened her mouth to respond, but Skywing answered for her, "She realized that some dreams she had many moons ago foretold her of how she would lose each of her lives. But, we can talk more about this later, Moonstar needs to rest now."

Goldenpetal nodded, and Moonstar went to her den, with Skywing following. Once in the den Moonstar laid down, and Skywing unwrapped the juniper berry and poppy seeds. "The juniper berry will help to calm you, and the poppy seeds will help you sleep."

Moonstar lapped up the herbs and swallowed them, even now she felt much better than she did before. Skywing left the den, and Moonstar drifted off into sleep.

When Moonstar opened her eyes, she was suddenly back in the SquirrelClan camp. *What am I doing here?* Moonstar wondered, but the more she looked around she realized something, she was in the nursery. *I'm a kit again, but why? Last time I dreamed of my kithood I dreamed of Doefoot's banishment from SquirrelClan.* Moonstar looked around the nursery some more, she saw Pebblestar curled around her. Blinking her eyes open Pebblestar mewed, "Your up, are you hungry? Dogtail and Savannah just got back from a hunting patrol, I heard Savanna caught a huge sparrow just for us to share!"

"Sparrow! That's my favorite!" squeaked Moonstar.

My voice sounds so strange, I'm not used to it being this squeaky sounding. Moonstar thought to herself, complaining. Pebblestar smiled, "I knew you'd want it." The grey tabby she-cat stood up, and

stretched, "Come on, I think they're already eating without us!"

Pebblestar exited the nursery, Moonstar at the she-cat's tail. Moonstar's legs felt strange, as she was currently in the body of a kit. Once in the SquirrelClan camp Moonstar looked around, the scent of the camp was strong. *I almost forgot the smell of the camp.* In the middle of the camp sat Dogtail and Savanna, who were sharing a vole. Suddenly Moonstar found herself running towards the SquirrelClan warriors, like she was so excited to see them. "Pebbleclaw said you caught a sparrow for me!"

"Yep!" Dogtail purred, "Savanna caught it just for you!"

Letting out a *mrrow* of amusement Pebblestar mewed, "But I hope you're willing to share it with me!"

"Sure!" Moonstar mewed excitedly.

Savanna stood up and padded over to the fresh-kill pile, bending her head down she picked up a sparrow. Joining the clustered cats again she dropped the sparrow in front of Moonstar. "There you go Moonkit, I know it's your favorite."

"Thanks Savanna!" Moonstar mewed before taking a bite of the sparrow.

Savanna purred before joining Dogtail again, and Pebblestar took a bite of the sparrow. "Just think Moonkit," mewed Dogtail, "pretty soon you'll be an apprentice. Then you could be bringing prey back for us!"

"Prey doesn't stand a chance against you, Moonkit!" purred Pebblestar.

Smiling brightly Moonstar mewed, "I'm going to be the best warrior SquirrelClan has ever seen! Maybe even leader!"

"I can see it now," Savanna purred, "one day many moons from now elders and queens will be telling kits stories about Moonstar, and the amazing leader she was!"

Your right Savanna, Moonstar thought grimly, *one day kits will be told*

my story. In LeafClan kits will be told of my amazing leadership, but in SquirrelClan kits will be taught to see me as a villain. Despite her grim thoughts, Moonstar mewed, "You really think I'll be an amazing leader?!"

"We know so." Dogtail mewed.

Suddenly Moonstar started to awake, the last moments of her dream slowly fading. Blinking her eyes Moonstar looked wearily around, *I'm back home in LeafClan.* Moonstar thought, smiling a little. She had forgotten how amazing her kithhod was, and what great parents Pebblestar, Savanna, and Dogtail were to her. Despite her happiness, Moonstar knew she was dreaming of her kithhood for a reason. The likelihood of the reason being a good reason, was slim. Moonstar knew StarClan was trying to tell her something, and something important. *But what are StarClan trying to tell me?*

Alright y'all, what do think? Was it worth the wait? Probably not, but still! I can't believe the "Moonstar's Decision" is drawing to a close soon, and "Moonstar's Fear" will be in the works! I honestly never thought I would get this far in the storyline, and never really believed in my ability as a writer. I know that I am far from an amazing writer, but my transformation in writing style over the past 3 or 4 years is tremendous! Before I let you all go along on your merry little way, I just wanted to ask you something. Would you like me to do a "Moonstar's Decision" Q&A? Also, leave any questions you wanna know about "Moonstar's Decision" below in the comments. You can ask anything you want as long as it relates to "Moonstar's Decision" in some way, and I'll do my best to answer your questions in the last part of the book. Happy reading!

-zebra-pony12 (zebra)

Chapter 40: "No Longer A Secret"

Stretching her muscles, Moonstar stood up from her nest. She was about to exit the den when suddenly Gleampaw burst in, Goldenpetal and Lilacbreeze hot on her tail. “We tried to stop her, but she wanted to see you.” Lilacbreeze mewed sheepishly.

“It’s fine, Lilacbreeze.” mewed Moonstar.

Gleampaw started rubbing her face against Moonstar’s shoulder, the apprentice was almost the size of Moonstar now. “I’m so glad your okay!” Gleampaw purred, “Goldenpetal told me that you told her about you know who.”

Moonstar laughed nervously, “Yeah, I couldn’t bare essentially lying to my own daughter anymore.”

“Who’s ‘you know who’?” inquired Lilacbreeze.

Taking a deep breath Moonstar mewed, “You remember a while back when I mentioned to you that Gleampaw was the reincarnation of my mother, Doefoot? Well, Doefoot was a murderer and killed six cats, all apparently for no reason. StarClan told me that somehow Doefoot will be of big help to LeafClan, somehow.”

“Is this true Goldenpetal?” Lilacbreeze’s eyes were wide with worry.

Sighing, Goldenpetal mewed, “Gleampaw, Skywing, Uno, and Moonstar know more than anyone else, I don’t know much more than you do.”

“We should get Uno and Skywing,” mewed Gleampaw, “then we can talk more.”

The rest of the cats nodded in agreement, and exited Moonstar’s

den. “Goldenpetal and Lilacbreeze, could you two fetch Skywing while Gleampaw and I get Uno?”

The she-cats nodded, and padded towards the medicine den. Just as Gleampaw and Moonstar turned to go and find Uno, Fireclaw trotted up to Moonstar, his gaze full of love and worry. The tom licked Moonstar’s cheek, and buried his face into Moonstar’s fur, “I heard you lost a life! What happened?!”

Smiling awkwardly at Gleampaw, Moonstar mouthed, “Sorry.”

Returning her gaze back to Fireclaw, the leader mewed, “I’ll explain later, but right now Gleampaw and I need to go fetch Uno. It’s of high importance, Goldenpetal and Lilacbreeze are fetching Skywing right now.”

“Why do you need to speak with Uno?” Fireclaw asked, “Please tell me you not keeping secrets from me! Let me come with you, whatever needs to be discussed with Uno, Skywing, Gleampaw, Goldenpetal, and Lilacbreeze can be discussed with me as well.”

Gleampaw and Moonstar exchanged a glance, Moonstar nodded her head towards Fireclaw, as if she was asking Gleampaw whether or not Fireclaw should join in on their conversation. Gleampaw nodded, her gaze calmer than usual. “Alright, you can come with us, but don’t tell me I didn’t warn you.”

The more the merrier! Moonstar thought, annoyed, why not invite SquirrelClan while we’re at it?! Fireclaw eyed Gleampaw wearily, but the apprentice’s gaze was still calm. Doefoot must be aware of what’s going on, Moonstar thought. “Come on, let’s go and get Uno.”

Moonstar trotted towards Uno, who was talking to his apprentice, Fallowpaw. Taking notice of Moonstar, Fallowpaw mewed, “Hey Moonstar!”

Nervously, Moonstar smiled, “Uh, hello. Could Uno speak with me for a little bit? It shouldn’t take too long.”

“We’ll practice huntin’ later, Fallowpaw.” Uno promised.

The apprentice nodded, and run off towards her brother, Rushpaw. It was hard for Moonstar to believe that both Goldenpetal and Stormnose had kits of their own, they're so grown up. Turning her attention to Uno, Moonstar mewed, "I needed to talk to you because Lilacbreeze and Goldenpetal were curious about," Moonstar paused, and lowered her voice, "Doefoot."

The tabby's eyes suddenly got wide, "So, who's all in on this conversation 'bout Doefoot?"

"You, Goldenpetal, Lilacbreeze, Skywing, Gleampaw, Fireclaw, and I." responded Moonstar.

Now, all the cats were out of camp and were sitting in a circle in one of the alleys that made up LeafClan's territory. Moonstar, her stomach fluttering with with apprehension, spoke first, "We came here today it discuss something very important, that will affect LeafClan immensely."

"It may affect all the Clans, Moonstar. We don't know much beyond what Gleampaw's told us." Skywing fretted.

Moonstar was about to open her mouth, when Fireclaw interrupted, "What Gleampaw told you about what?"

Flattening her ears Moonstar let out a low growl I knew we shouldn't of let Fireclaw come, but I can't lie to my mate and daughter anymore, I shouldn't be lying to any cat actually! Perking her ears back up Moonstar realized they should finally reveal the secret to the rest of the Clan, but first she should finish this meeting. Suddenly snapping back to the present, Moonstar nodded to Gleampaw to tell her secret, which won't be a secret for much longer. Understanding what her mentor wanted her to do, Gleampaw stood up, "I am Gleampaw, but I am also Doefoot. The spirit of Moonstar's deceased mother, Doefoot, lives within my body. She can take over my body anytime she'd like, and I can remember all of her memories along with all of mine. Moonstar has received a prophecy stating that Doefoot will be of help to LeafClan, and our future."

Turning her gaze to Fireclaw, Lilacbreeze, and Goldenpetal,

Moonstar noticed how shocked their expressions were. On the other paw, Uno, Skywing, Gleampaw, and Moonstar all knew this information and seemed to have no reaction. His eyes wide and his expression confused, Fireclaw sputtered, “Bu-bu-but how?!”

Gleampaw glanced around at all the cats, and shrugged, “I don’t know, I don’t think any of us have a clue.”

“I can’t believe my daughter has the spirit of a murderer living in her!” wailed Lilacbreeze.

“Hey!” Moonstar’s neck fur bristled up, “that murderer is my mother! Doefoot raised two perfectly fine, and sane, kits!”

Joining in the conversation, Uno mewed, “Two?”

“Yes, two!” Skywing rolled her eyes, “Moonstar and her brother Raccoonear, don’t you remember?!”

Soon, the levels of anger rose even higher, until Goldenpetal yelled, “Enough!”

Every cat stopped, and looked at the golden tabby she-cat, “Look, I’m just as confused as the next cat, but there’s no use bickering. Yes, Gleampaw has Doefoot’s spirit living inside her, but we can’t change it so might as well embrace it! Sure, Doefoot was a murderer but Gleampaw is not Doefoot, she’s Gleampaw, a spunky, kind, and loyal apprentice of LeafClan. Moonstar’s right, Doefoot had two kits, both of which are nothing like their mother. Moonstar is great leader, she’d never hurt a cat she knew didn’t hurt her either physically or mentally. While we never knew Raccoonear, his life ended at the paws of an evil cat, whom has become self-involved in LeafClan’s business lately. We can’t change anything that’s already happened, and complaining isn’t going to change anything.”

Moonstar nodded, “She’s right, we can’t change anything that’s already happened.”

“Who’s the evil cat?” asked Lilacbreeze.

Moonstar gulped, she felt like there was a pit in her stomach,

“Xeno.”

“No!” Lilacbreeze’s eyes flashed with worry, “Not Xeno! How does he know I’m in LeafClan?!”

Trying to calm her mate, Goldenpetal rested her tail on Lilacbreeze’s back and pressed her head on the copper tabby’s shoulder. Moonstar looked Lilacbreeze dead in the eye and mewed, “He doesn’t know where you are, he knows you are now mates with Goldenpetal and that you’re raising Gleampaw, Swallowpaw, and Gorsepaw together. He’s met with me several times, and only really knows my name and that I have a mate and kits. I’m trying to keep everything I can from him.”

“Thank you, Moonstar.” Lilacbreeze mewed, her eyes slightly teary.

Tipping his head to the side, Fireclaw asked, “Who’s Xeno?”

Moonstar glanced nervously at Gleampaw, Goldenpetal, and Lilacbreeze, her heart pounding. Have Lilacbreeze and Goldenpetal told their kits about Xeno yet? Thought Moonstar, do they want to tell them? Catching Lilacbreeze’s eye, Moonstar mouthed, “Should I tell them?”

Closing her eyes for a moment, Lilacbreeze took a deep breath and nodded. Giving a curt nod of understanding, Moonstar faced her mate, “Xeno is Lilacbreeze’s former, and abusive, mate. He is in search of Lilacbreeze and her kits, because…” Moonstar trailed off, struggling to find the right words, “because Gleampaw, Swallowpaw, and Gorsepaw are technically Xeno’s kits.”

Immediately after speaking, Moonstar’s gaze shot at Gleampaw, curious how the apprentice would react. Soon, every cat was staring intently at Gleampaw, the apprentice mewed, “I’ve known for a while, StarClan sent me a message about it and using common sense I connected the dots. I didn’t know who my, er… father… was, but I knew he existed. But, now that I know he’s an abusive mate and murderer I’m glad I was raised by such kind and caring mothers.”

Slightly teary-eyed Goldenpetal and Lilacbreeze started licking their kit, “And we’re glad you’re our daughter.” Purred Goldenpetal.

Uno, slightly worried, mewed, “Are we just gonna keep this to ourselves? ‘Cause that’s a lot to not tell any cat.”

“No,” Moonstar sighed, “we can’t keep this a secret any longer. We need to tell the rest of the Clan. We need to tell them about both Xeno and Doefoot.”

The cats seemed to all be in agreement, and they headed back to the camp. Immediately after Moonstar jumped over the fence she leaped on top of her den, and called out, “Let all cats old enough to jump the fence, gather around for a Clan meeting!”

Confused, and slightly suspicious, and Clan wearily gathered around Moonstar. I’m sure they’re all super confused, Moonstar thought as she heard their hushed tones, but soon they’ll be even more confused. Once every cat was settled, Moonstar started the Clan meeting, “As we all know these past few moons have been quite strange, and believe me, I wish I could say it wasn’t partially my fault.”

“What are talking about Moonstar?” Grassblade objected, “What’s been going on is in no way your fault! You couldn’t of done anymore than any of us.”

Her Clanmates nodded, agreeing with what their deputy has just said. Moonstar continued on, insisting, “While I appreciate your kind words, Grassblade, I have been keeping some things from you.”

In that moment Moonstar could feel her Clanmates anger, and shock. The expressions “What?!”, “How could you?”, “Why?”, and other variations of it filled the air. “Now I only did this for your safety, and today I decided that I could go longer keep these from you. I am not the only one who knew of these things, but please I beg, release any anger or distrust you unto me not your Clanmates.”

Moonstar could see some cats gave her glares of distrust and anger, others expressions worried, and a whole lot in between. Her heart pounding, Moonstar wearily mewed, “I have two secrets I have kept from you, both that will effect now and in the future. I’ll reveal the less shocking one first, Lilacbreeze’s former mate, Xeno, has been

trying to find Lilacbreeze and her kits. He has met me several times and is trying to gain more information on me and where Lilacbreeze is located, I've been doing my best to keep LeafClan safe and even lost a life earlier today because of it. We all must be on the lookout for Xeno, and keep as much as we possibly can from him. He is also out to get Goldenpetal, as he blames her for 'stealing' Lilacbreeze from him."

LeafClan seemed to calm down after Moonstar had said that, realizing that Moonstar probably hadn't wanted to tell them unless it was absolutely necessary. "And the second secret?" mewed Cloud sassily.

Guliping, Moonstar looked and Gleampaw, "My second secret is actually Gleampaw's secret, and I would like for her to explain it for you all."

A chorus of gasps was the response Moonstar received, Clover even called out, "Gleampaw? What could she be hiding?!"

Out of the corner of her eye, Moonstar saw Gleampaw flinch, hurt by what her Clan had said. Moonstar was about to explain, sassily, but Sharpwhisker quickly intervened, "Clover! You should respect Moonstar! Not only is she your leader, but she's taken a lot of courage to tell us these secrets!"

Clover responded with a mumbled, "I guess…"

Returning his gaze to Moonstar, Sharpwhisker nodded encouragingly to his leader. Purring, Moonstar felt a rush of gratitude to the tom. Similarly to Moonstar, he was once a SquirrelClan cat who had fallen in love with a rogue. In fact, Sharpwhisker had a brother named Nutwhisker who was Pebblestar's mate. Sharpwhisker and Clover both hated SquirrelClan with the same passion as Moonstar, which is what made them such loyal warriors.

Snapping back to her revealing of secrets Clan meeting, Moonstar nodded to Gleampaw, "Go ahead."

Gleampaw took a deep breath, and closed her eyes for a moment,

probably to connect to Doefoot more. Standing up confidently, Gleampaw calmly walked to the cardboard box that Moonstar was standing on. Stopping before the box, Gleampaw turned to face the Clan, “The spirit of Moonstar’s deceased mother, Doefoot, lives inside my body and head. She can take over my body and thoughts anytime she’d like, and control what I do and say. Moonstar and Skywing had received prophecies informing them of my importance to LeafClan’s future. Somehow this will be important and help us to become stronger. Doefoot was also a murderer, she killed 6 cats, but Doefoot is not like that.” Unsure of what else to say, Gleampaw added an awkward, “Yeah… and that’s about it.” to the end of her speech.

The apprentice went back to to spot in the crowd, between her mothers with her brothers. Nervously, Moonstar mewed, “I am sorry for keeping these secrets from you, but nonetheless, now is the time that we must unite together, stronger than we have before. None of us know what holds in LeafClan’s future, but whatever it may be, we must face it together. So my remaining question is, are you all in?”

The crowd of cats cheered, louder than Moonstar had ever heard. Soon, the jumbled cheers morphed into a unified chant of: “LeafClan! LeafClan! LeafClan!”. Moonstar felt pride swell in her chest, she knew now that they would be alright. No longer keeping secrets, or being conservative around each other. LeafClan felt more united than ever before, and that made Moonstar the happiest she had ever been.

I can't believe it! After like 3 years, "Moonstar's Decision " is drawing to a close! Granted, most of that work was in the last year, but still. I just want to thank all of you, and don't worry! "Moonstar's Fear" will be coming soon! But, there will be an epilogue to this story so watch for that! Once again, thank you all! I never thought people would actually like my work, but here I am now. Happy reading!!!

- zebra-pony12 (Zebra)

Epilogue

"Awww! No! Please continue! Please! Please! Please!" whined Brindlekit.

Her brothers, Lochkit and Smokekit, joined the muted tortoiseshell kit in whining. Mistyleap purred, "We're sorry you three, but Condorheart and Oakripple are almost home from the gathering."

"Yes," mewed Crowstrike, "and you three must be tired after hearing our story."

Adjusting herself, Snowmoss mewed, "But we're glad you enjoy the story!"

"I have a question." Lochkit stated, "How do you all know so much about Moonstar? I mean, even down to every little thing she said!"

Smiling, Snowmoss mewed, "We've told this story many times, and were told it ourselves as kits."

Smokekit mewed, "I really liked the way you three told it! With Snowmoss narrating, and Mistyleap and Crowstrike saying what each cat said."

Mistyleap purred, "The story has been told like that for generations, it's become almost a tradition. As kits, or young apprentices, the Clan elders tell you and your littermates the story of Moonstar."

"I remember when I was first told the story," Crowstrike mewed thoughtfully, "My littermates, Eveningmist and Flowerpaw, and I spent an entire day listening to the story! It was extremely entertaining,! It was told by the 4 Clan elders, the 3 queens, and occasionally the medicine cat if he wasn't busy. So, we had 7 or 8 cats telling us the story!"

Curiously tilting her head to the side, Brindlekit asked, "What was it like for you Snowmoss?"

"While I didn't have so many cats telling me the story, two of the elders, my mother, and Birchstar told me the story." Snowmoss purred, "Birchstar was such a great Fireclaw! I mean, he was good at some of the other cats too, but his take on Fireclaw was, and probably still is, the funniest thing I had seen in my entire life!"

"Hey!" teased Crowstrike.

"Not to say that your performance isn't good, Crowstrike." Mistyleap teased the tom, "When I heard it nothing too special happened. I mean just the Clan elders told me the story, but when Dayshine spoke for Moonstar, I felt like Moonstar was actually there and speaking through Dayshine."

Looking towards the fence Snowmoss noticed the Clan returning from the gathering, "Looks like Condorheart and Oakripple are back."

The two cats trotted up the elders, their kits tackling them as they got near. Oakripple mewed sweetly, "Come on you three, let's head to sleep. You can hang out with Snowmoss, Mistleap, and Crowstrike more tomorrow."

The kits followed their mother towards the nursery, and Condorheart approached the elders, "Thank you for watching them, Oakripple and I really appreciate it!"

"No problem." mewed Mistyleap.

Condorheart walked away, towards the nursery. Crowstrike turned towards the elders den, and mewed, "Come on Mistyleap and Snowmoss, we should get some rest. I suspect that tomorrow will be a busy day for us."

Mistyleap turned to follow Crowstrike, and Snowmoss stared at the nursery for a moment before joining Mistyleap and Crowstrike in the elders den, and settling down in her nest. She closed her eyes, and drifted into sleep. The prophecy Moonstar had received all those moons ago, echoed in her head, *"Dawn will end, only if the Moon rises..."*